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3 die of COVID-19 in Guam

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Guam reported three more COVID-19 deaths yesterday, bringing to 13 the total number of people in Guam who fell victim to the virus that causes COVID-19.

According to the latest advisory from the Joint Information Center in Guam, the first fatality occurred at approximately 12:04am, when a 73-year-old female with underlying health issues passed away. She was pronounced dead on arrival at the Guam

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AT A GLANCE

As of 6pm, Sept. 1, 2020

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	1,347	48	1,395
Recovered	488	45	533
Active	804	48	852
Deaths	10	3	13
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested			38,032

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	56	0	56
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested			12,920*

*Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CHCC has opted to not report active and recovered cases.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Health Care Corp.

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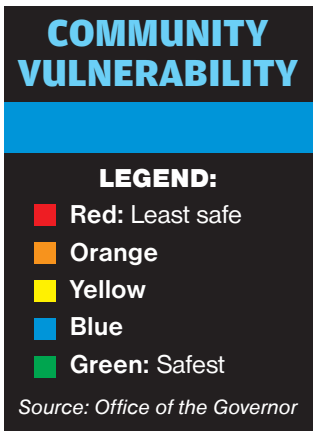

Source: Office of the Governor

File photos show participants taking part in a reburial ceremony last Aug. 21, 2020, for 700 ancestral remains that were dug up during the construction of the Imperial Pacific Saipan casino in Garapan. The CNMI Historic Prevention Office, in partnership with Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, led the reburial ceremony on the grounds of the casino itself. KRIZEL TUAZON

Court junks case vs reburial of remains at IPI

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI has dismissed the lawsuit of a husband and wife who were looking to stop the reburial of ancient Chamorro remains found during the construction of the Imperial Palace Saipan in Garapan.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed, without prejudice, the case filed by Liana Hofschneider and her husband, Richard Hofschneider, who were seeking to stop the re-interment of the 700 ancestral remains that were dug up at the IPI casino construction site.

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2 establishments closed; 2 others temporarily closed

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The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force shut down two more establishments for alleged violation of the emergency directives and temporarily closed two gaming businesses for alleged failure to rectify reopening plan issues.

Speaking at yesterday's radio news briefing, Alcohol

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A ZOOM THANKSGIVING?

Summer could give way to a bleaker fall

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As the Summer of COVID draws to a close, many experts fear an even bleaker fall and suggest that American families should start planning for Thanksgiving by Zoom.

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PSS does one-time deep cleaning before start of classes

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With the Public School System reopening schools come Sept. 8, all principals and staff will be doing a one-time deep cleaning and sanitizing of the inside of classrooms and buildings on campus this week as part of preparations for the news school year.

Followed by the one-time deep cleaning, regular supplies are on hand and a system for regular disinfection every hour is in place, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada.

Though PSS is going 100% into remote learning, classrooms are still being sanitized for teachers who will regularly go into the classrooms.

According to Warren Villagomez, head of the COVID-19 Task Force, PSS, along with the private schools, have measures that are in place to protect and safeguard their students. He added that, based on all the visits he and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres have done, they feel like schools are ready to resume classes.

Villagomez assured that discussions continue on new ideas and processes that will motivate children to participate in remote learning.

According to Ada, PSS teachers are also attending virtual training on the how to handle trauma in their students. Ada confirmed that over 1,000 staff are undergoing through the Healing Center training. With this training, teachers will be able to identify signs of trauma in students and school staff while also having the skills to respond. Ada says it's essential that PSS provides a comfort level for students in response to this pandemic.

Ada added that any anxiety students have must be addressed as soon as possible, so that students can heave a "clear mind and heart" and PSS needs to reassure students who are going through this situation that it's okay that this is happening, but students will continue to learn and teachers will continue to teach.

Additionally, teachers have completed training for Blackboard Ultra, which is a course management system that allows teachers to provide content to students in a central location, communicate with students quickly, and provide grades in an electronic format.

Ada said that all teachers completed a four-week trial run on this system that lasted three hours a day, and ended last Aug. 28. He added that all the teachers are now working toward inputting their syllabus and lesson plans online.

COMPUTER DONATION
The Defense Logistics Agency and Guam National Guard donated 50 computers to Merizo Elementary on Aug. 14, as part of the DLA's Computers for Learning Program. Intended to streamline the transfer of excess Department of Defense IT equipment to schools, The Guard and DLA are set to expand the CFL program to other schools around the island. For more information on how your DoD agency or how your school can participate in the CFL, contact Defense Logistics Agency representative Edward Forbes at edward.forbes@dla.mil.

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Lions club hands out 50 care packages

The Saipan Fil-American Lions Club distributed 50 care packages to parishioners at the Nuestra Senora Bithen Delos Remedios Parish in Tanapag over the weekend.

The care packages—composed of 20 lbs of rice, butane, noodles, and sardines—benefited those in the community who've been badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The club was grateful to the sponsors and donors who made this distribution possible," said SFLB president Eden Mercado.

Those donors included Alpex Saipan Inc., Lyn Reyes of Sapphire Enterprises Inc., Arman Amog, Milla Pellegrino of Saipan Ice & Water Company, Blanco Imbo from Guam Lions, and other club members.

"This was the food bank that our club organized…to help the community during this time of the pandemic. In the Tanapag area, we have asked the assistance of the parish to help identify those in need," said Mercado.

In addition, she said they set up relief package pickup in As Lito at their adopted bus stop on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We thank everyone for the continued support around the community. We appreciate all the donations and we are glad to help with what we can or have for our community. During these times when things are very tough, we should always help one another. Even a small amount will help," Mercado added.

The club recently collaborated with the Saipan Mighty Dolphins Leo Club in donating 40 sets of hygiene kits to Marianas High School in preparation for face-to-face learning when the school finally opens.

If you wish to donate and be in partnership with the club, you can call Mercado at 788-2416 or club secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021. ***(Chevy Alipio)***

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PSS wants face-to-face orientation for parents

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Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada pleaded for the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force's blessing to allow them to have an arranged orientation for families of 10 or less on campus, solely to guide parents on how to use the Blackboard Ultra platform that will be used for online classes.

According to Ada, the Blackboard Ultra platform will be the basis of their online learning for PSS students. This orientation with the families will allow them to help guide parents and students who aren't so tech-savvy to show them how it works.

On top of that, Ada says another thing that they need a green light for from the task force is to allow PSS to bring in parents to register because some parents don't know how to do it online on their own, but they've been going to the campus and getting assistance.

With the schools reopening next week, Sept. 8, Ada says that they will be distributing learning packets for all students as a start; however, PSS wants to focus on the social and emotional aspect with an inventory, or survey, of students and families on how they're doing or how are they taking this pandemic.

Additionally, Ada says that they want to help families who are struggling, and point them to the right agencies. However, if families seem to be okay, PSS is anticipating that true remote learning will kick in by October 2020.

Ada added that the goal for reopening is to be sure that all families and students understand and feel comfortable with the Blackboard Ultra platform, which is why it is important for them to address the "emotional part."

With PSS planning an orientation with parents and students, Ada reassures the task force during a radio briefing that parents will continue to follow the task force's protocols, which includes signing in with their names, having their temperature checked when coming in and going out, and will use sanitizing, so that if anyone happens to be exposed before the orientation, contact tracing for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. will be easier.

Public warned of rip currents

The public is being warned of a high risk of rip currents today, Sept. 2, 2020.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, a high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm today.

Large breaking waves of seven to 10 feet along west facing reefs will result in a high rip current risk on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota until 6pm Wednesday.

Swimming and surfing conditions will be hazardous and localized beach erosion is expected. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions.

The public is advised to swim near a lifeguard. If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Don't swim against the current. If able, swim in a direction following the shoreline. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help. ***(PR)***

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SAYING THEY HAVE $150M FUNDING COMMITMENT

IPI seeks strong partnership with NMI govt, not threat

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC officials disclosed yesterday that they have a $150-million funding commitment and what they need is a strong partnership with the CNMI government, not a threat to revoke its exclusive casino license.

At a meeting with members of the House of Representatives Gaming Committee chaired by Rep. Ralph Yumul (R-Saipan), IPI chief executive officer Donald R. Browne said they have financial troubles but are still committed to the CNMI.

"It's not the time to threaten to revoke somebody's license in the middle of a pandemic," he added.

Browne said they had dialogue with everybody, including members of the House, that they thought was productive, only then to receive a complaint for revocation of their casino license.

Commonwealth Casino Commission acting executive director Andrew Yeom recently filed a complaint against IPI over its failure to pay $15.5 million in annual casino license fee that was due last Aug. 12.

Browne said this forced their hand to write a stronger statement in their letter to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres that was also addressed to other government officials. "And all those statements in that letter are factual. Anybody can look into the law itself," he said.

Browne said IPI wants to be a part of this community. "But this is headed down a path I think nobody wants to take because…there's motions and threat…of lawsuits. We don't want to do this. …We don't want the public to see all that craziness is going on," the CEO said.

Browne said they need to point out that IPI never had this exclusivity because gaming still exists outside the casino. "But we need to point out if there is a person here who says that gaming does not exist outside of the casino, and I think they've never walked down the streets on Saipan. They never walked into a poker room or any gaming place," he said.

Browne said by statute, by law, by the U.S. Department of Justice rules, all those devices in poker arcades are gaming devices. "We can't say they're not. So that's our position. To say why, why now? When you're ready to be pushed off a cliff, you have to do something about it. You just can't sit there," he said.

Browne pointed out that, according to the World Bank, because of this COVID-19 pandemic, this is the worst economic downturn 150 years.

In response to Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero's questions, Browne said IPI's reopening plan is contingent on keeping the casino license that the company valued dearly and pay a substantial amount for.

IPI senior vice president of Public Affairs Tao Xing said they're facing some obligations and potential obligations on legal matters.

However, Xing said, they do have a funding commitment letter. "So it stated that they will, they're willing to fund us $150 million," Xing said.

He said they believe they can still go forward. "We're viable as a company," he added.

Xing said if the government shows strong support to them, it gives a lot of confidence to investors.

Xing said they're still trying to figure out what would be the best time for the casino to reopen.

"Right now, we're under the requirement of the government to close the casino," he said.

Rep. Janet U. Maratita (R-Saipan) said that Browne's Aug. 26 letter was disappointing and uncalled for as it accuses the government of breaching the agreement.

"We don't need to confuse people," said Maratita as she emphasized that, although she used to be a strong opponent of the casino, she sees its benefit to the economy and wants the industry to succeed.

Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero (R-Saipan) invited Browne and Xing to share their plans with the committee. "I have no intention of chasing out IPI. Just that we're in pandemic," Guerrero said.

In his Aug. 26 letter, Browne requested the CNMI government that the $15.5 million in annual casino license fee that it failed to pay on the due date last Aug. 12 for Year 6 of the casino license agreement be postponed and be paid on the 15th year of the license or in 2029.

Citing that IPI may be required to remain closed for the majority of this year due to the government mandated shutdown, IPI Browne also told Torres that they are also requesting a reduction of the Commonwealth Casino Commission's $3 million regulatory fee to $1 million as the cessation of gaming requires less oversight.

Browne also stated that by allowing poker machines and e-gaming to operate outside of the casino, the CNMI is in violation of the exclusive license IPI holds.

SUMMER

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Because of the many uncertainties, public health scientists say it's easier to forecast the weather on Thanksgiving Day than to predict how the U.S. coronavirus crisis will play out this autumn. But school reopenings, holiday travel and more indoor activity because of colder weather could all separately increase transmission of the virus and combine in ways that could multiply the threat, they say.

Here's one way it could go: As more schools open for in-person instruction and more college students return to campuses, small clusters of cases could widen into outbreaks in late September. Public fatigue over mask rules and other restrictions could stymie efforts to slow these infections.

A few weeks later, widening outbreaks could start to strain hospitals. If a bad flu season peaks in October, as happened in 2009, the pressure on the health care system could result in higher daily death tolls from the coronavirus. Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has said that scenario is his biggest fear.

One certainty is that the virus will still be around, said Jarad Niemi, a disease-modeling expert at Iowa State University.

"We will not have a vaccine yet and we will not have enough infected individuals for herd immunity to be helpful," Niemi said.

Fall may feel like a roller coaster of stop-and-start restrictions, as communities react to climbing hospital cases, said University of Texas disease modeler Lauren Ancel Meyers. Everyone should get a flu shot, she said, because if flu spreads widely, hospitals will begin to buckle and "that will compound the threat of COVID."

"The decisions we make today will fundamentally impact the safety and feasibility of what we can do next month and by Thanksgiving," Meyers said.

The virus is blamed for over 180,000 deaths and 6 million confirmed infections in the U.S. Worldwide, the death toll is put at almost 850,000, with over 25 million cases.

The U.S. is recording on average about 900 deaths a day from COVID-19, and newly confirmed infections per day are running at about 42,000, down from their peak in mid-July, when cases were topping out at over 70,000.

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Manglona denied the complaint for lack of jurisdiction.

She stated that the Hofschneiders had not sufficiently pleaded facts to establish the court's jurisdiction, and the complaint does not have diversity jurisdiction. The complaint also did not have a claim arising under the federal question jurisdiction.

"The only federal law mentioned in the draft complaint to assert a claim is the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996," Manglona's order said.

However, Manglona said the act did not create a private right of action.

In its complaint, the Hofschneiders asked the federal court to order the CNMI government and IPI to immediately stop the reburial of the estimated 700 ancestral Chamorro human remains last Aug. 21, 2020.

They also wanted the federal court to issue an order to demand that the CNMI government, IPI, and archaeological firm Scientific Consultant Services Inc. pay $25 million for the desecration of an over 1,000-year-old ancient Chamorro village and burial ground to make way for the casino operation.

"We are claiming this amount because we cannot put a price tag on the irreplaceable, invaluable and sacred heritage that were left behind from our ancestors of thousands of years past that is now lost for the future generation; and a heritage that could not be shared with our children and as our national heritage," the Hofschneiders' complaint said.

The Hofschneiders filed their complaint against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Attorney General Edward Manibusan, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter, State Historic Preservation officer Rita C. Chong-Dela Cruz, and Cui Li Jie of IPI.

The casino site is located in what used to be an ancient Chamorro settlement called Anaguan. In the 1990s, the first archaeological excavation at Anaguan was conducted, wherein 268 remains were discovered. In 2015, a second excavation was conducted, wherein 416 ancestral remains were discovered.

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Memorial Hospital.

At approximately 8:30am, the second patient, a 36-year-old female, passed away at GMH. She is the island's second youngest COVID-related fatality.

Both patients were not known COVID-19 cases. It was only when they were brought to GMH that they were then swabbed, and the results came back positive.

At approximately 9am, a third patient, a 74-year-old male, passed away at Naval Hospital Guam.

"To the people of Guam, we have had too many days filled with grief and too many lives lost. Thirteen people have succumbed to this virus. Contrary to what some have said, not all of them were elderly—two of them were in their 30s, with their lives ahead of them," said Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero. "I ask the island to keep their family and friends in your thoughts and prayers, to not only mourn their passing but to also remember them for the lives they lived."

The three recent deaths will be counted in Guam's overall COVID-19 case count, bringing Guam's total to 13 COVID-19-related fatalities. ***(PR)***

CLOSED

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Beverage and Tobacco Control Division director David Maratita said they shut down the Cheers Karaoke Bar in Garapan and Kool Laundry in Kagman 3.

Meanwhile, Saipan Vegas in Chalan Laulau and Club 88 in Garapan were temporarily closed.

Maratita also identified the two bars in Garapan that they were previously shut down as the Safehouse and Relax Bar.

Maratita said they inspected over the week 245 establishments and 154 were found in compliance with the directives, for a 63% compliance rate, and 85 establishments were deemed non-compliant. These 35% that were non-compliant were subsequently advised, educated, and warned to fix the varying infractions, which varied from lack of face shields or having no plexiglass in the counter area. Other infractions include deteriorated entrance and exit flow signs. Some of the establishments were not regularly sanitizing their door handles.

"We informed them that we are coming back. They have to immediately address those infractions because we are dealing with public health concerns," he said.

With respect to Cheers Karaoke, Maratita said there was overcrowding in the bar area, there's no maintenance of crowd control, and no maintenance of social distancing.

In addition, he said, the contract tracing logbook was not complete. Maratita said they even noticed that some characters of the television show *Game of Thrones* were listed in the logbook.

"It may sound funny, but this is not a joke," he said, explaining that these instances means that they cannot do actual contact tracing once there is a positive case in that establishment.

In the case against Kool Laundry, he said it was unattended, nobody was there to maintain crowd control, and there was no evidence that they were regularly sanitizing the premises.

Maratita said the owners of these two establishments have already submitted their plan on what they will do to become compliant with the directives. He said they are working with them to become compliant by submitting their reopening mitigation measures, proposal, and plan on how to address those violations.

With respect to Saipan Vegas and Club 88, task force chief Warren Villagomez said when the emergency directive was issued, there was a requirement for an updated reopening plan as well as things that they see that need some mitigation.

He said the task force decided late Saturday evening to go over and consult with the management of the two companies to temporarily close business until the issues and documentations are updated and rectified.

Pertaining to Safehouse and Relax Bar, Villagomez said they are in close communication with both establishments to come up with reopening implementation, new measures, protective measures, and safeguard within their facilities.

He said the two came up with a plan that the task force is now evaluating. Villagomez said that, after a thorough evaluation, they are going to share it with their reopening team, Bureau of Environmental Health, Department of Public Works, and ABTC.

"Yes, this weekend was quite busy for the enforcement team. They were out, not only shutting down but also [conducting] education as well all through the weekend and yesterday," Villagomez said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said they want every business to be in compliance. He emphasized that the whole purpose of the task force's inspections is not to shut down businesses but to educate them on how they can operate safely.

"I want to thank the community for doing well in the transition," Torres said.

‘OAG lost weapon vs property crimes due to new vandalism law’

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The Office of the Attorney General lost a valuable weapon in fighting property crimes due to a new law—signed only in March—that repealed the most useful part of the criminal mischief law and created a vandalism offense with no possibility of imprisonment, according to CNMI Chief Prosecutor John Bradley.

Citing that a substantial number of property crimes in the CNMI include the destruction of property, Bradley urged the Legislature Monday to consider amending the new vandalism law to restore the application of imprisonment as punishment, with enhancements based on the value of the damage to the property.

Last March 21, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed a bill into Public Law 21-18, which created a new statute for prosecuting vandalism and amended the criminal mischief law. With the CNMI seeing a string of new cases involving damage to property, the OAG is finding that the new law limits the seriousness of the charge and punishment, Bradley said.

He cited recent cases involving damage to property, including the case of a man who broke the glass door at the Governor’s Office, a man who threw a rock through a car window, a man who broke the window at a bar in Garapan, and another man who deliberately rammed his car into another car.

“In all these cases, under the new law, the maximum punishment is only a fine,” Bradley pointed out. Before the passage of P.L. 21-18, those crimes were punished as criminal mischief. The punishment range was previously determined by the value of the damage—the higher the damage, the more serious the punishment. In addition, the original law enhanced the punishment if the victim was elderly.

Bradley

However, Bradley said, the new law repealed all of those protections. For crimes committed on or after March 20, 2020, there is no longer a crime of criminal mischief merely by causing damage to property of another. That crime was renamed vandalism.

“In addition, all acts of vandalism, regardless of the value of the damage, are punished only by imposition of a fine and community service hours,” Bradley said. This means a person destroying a new truck is charged the same under CNMI criminal laws as a person breaking a single window, and that neither person can be sentenced to imprisonment.

He said these changes also make it very difficult to obtain restitution for victims. “Typically, part of the period of imprisonment is suspended to place the defendant on probation and impose a condition of paying restitution,” he said.

Bradley said if the defendant fails to pay the restitution, the court can consider revoking the probation and sending the defendant to prison. However, under the new law, that option is not available.

Pacific Rim presses seizure of IPI assets

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Pacific Rim Land Development LLC once again asked the federal court to order the U.S. Marshals Service to seize some assets owned by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC

In its latest writ of execution request, Pacific Rim asked the federal court to seize vehicles and gaming machines and to issue an order in aid of judgement by directing the sale of these equipment.

This arises from the civil judgment the District Court for the NMI entered in favor of Pacific Rim in its lawsuit against IPI for breach of contract and breach of promissory note. On May 2, 2020, the court entered an amended in favor of Pacific Rim in the amount of $6.8 million, including the principal amount and attorney’s fees and costs.

The court later granted Pacific Rim’s application for a writ of execution to seize money owned or controlled by IPI from the Bank of Saipan, City Trust Bank, Bank of Guam, and First Hawaiian Bank; and two escrow accounts believed to be owned by IPI at Security Title, Inc. and Pacific American Title, Inc.

Pacific Rim attorney Colin Thompson said the judgment remains unsatisfied in the amount of $5,525,463.98 plus interest, costs, and fees that have yet to be addressed. Pacific Rim wants to have the IPI-owned vehicles and gaming machines sold in an auction to satisfy the judgement.

So far, District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has authorized the U.S. Marshals Service to release seized IPI funds from Bank of Saipan in the amount of $1,383,869.45, and $100 from Pacific American Title.

The contractor sued IPI for refusing to pay for services in the amount of $5.65 million involving the agreed-upon construction work for the IPI casino-resort project on Sept. 30, 2018.

Aldan says over $250K from IPI CBF used to build Tinian slaughterhouse

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Tinian Mayor Edwin P. Aldan said the over $250,000 from Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC’s Community Benefit Fund did not go to Commonwealth Casino Commission vice chair Ramon Dela Cruz for personal use, but was used to build a slaughterhouse on Tinian.

Aldan

Speaking in an interview last week, Aldan said that NMI Democratic Party chair Nola K. Hix’s statement that Dela Cruz received IPI’s CBF money for personal use is not true because the fund went to the Tinian Cattleman’s Association to purchase the slaughterhouse.

Hix

“Now the slaughterhouse is about to be opened,” said the mayor in response to a statement to a Guam-based blogger last July 27 that former Tinian mayor Dela Cruz, who is one of the Saipan casino commissioners, was given $250,000 from the community benefit chest funds in 2018 or 2019 to form a cattle business.

“Not only he’s receiving a salary as a casino commissioner but he pocketed $250,000 for this cattle busines that does not exist,” Hix said. “Where is it? I was on Tinian lately. I did not see any cattle business going on over there.”

She said that makes her very angry because there is no casino on Tinian and Rota, yet the government continues to pay the casino commissioners on the two islands.

Aldan said the CBF money went to the Tinian Cattleman’s Association for the benefit of the community. He said the slaughterhouse is already built but it has yet to open because they want to make sure that they comply with all the requirements.

“Come down and say good things about the people of Tinian but don’t lie to them,” said Aldan in his message to Hix.

Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) stated early this year that once the slaughterhouse operations are established, the Tinian Slaughterhouse will have the capacity to process both cattle and pork in an efficient and sanitary manner.

Tinian leaders presented the Strategic Plan for the Tinian Beef Industry to the Tinian community last June.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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CAMP TINIAN

TINIAN—Utilitiesman 3rd Class Shante Clarke, from Queens, N.Y., and Builder Constructionman Gabrielle Overhultz, from Baytown, Texas, assigned to U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3’s Detail Tinian, measure the distance between anchor bolt locations that will be used to secure a newly constructed berthing Southwest Asia hut on Camp Tinian. NMCB-3 is deployed across the Indo-Pacific region conducting high-quality construction to support U.S. and partner nations to strengthen partnerships, deter aggression, and enable expeditionary logistics and naval power projection. The battalion stands ready to complete assigned tasking, support Humanitarian Aid/Disaster Relief and Major Combat Operations throughout the area of responsibility.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (“CUC”) Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a **Special Board meeting** on **Friday, September 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters
  A. Call to Order
  B. Roll Call
  C. Reading of Notice Calling Special Meeting

II. Update on CHCC Account

III. Update on CUC Financial Standing

IV. Power Plant 1: Diesel Engine #5 Overhaul Status

V. Public Comments*

VI. Executive Session**

VII. Adjournment

* Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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Pursuant to P. L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Board of Professional Licensing (BPL) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its quarterly board meeting on **Wednesday, September 02, 2020 at 8:30a.m.** on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Governor’s Office Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes
V. Public Comments
VI. Chairman’s Report
  • 2020 NCEES Virtual Annual Meeting
  • Letter from F. Guerrero
VII. Director’s Report
  • Quarterly Financial Report
VIII. Investigator’s Report
IX. Communications from the Governor’s Office & Legislature
  A. Governor’s Office
  B. Legislature
X. Old Business
XI. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with counsel with pending or anticipated legal matters.
  • AG Legal Opinion
XII. New Business
XIII. Applications for Board’s Review
XIV. Miscellaneous Business
XV. Announcements
  A. Next Meeting Date
  B. Adjournment of Meeting

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, v. ESTATE OF PONCIANO CRUZ RASA, VIVIAN P. RASA, and CNMI DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 03-0609 NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION

NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Development Authority, or its designee, will sell the fee simple title or a long-term leasehold interest to the following real property at public auction to the highest bidder, on **September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** in the open air outside the Commonwealth Development Authority, located in Oleai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Lot Number 014 H 58, situated in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, containing an area of square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 014 H 01, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 8244, on the 16th day of May, 1979, and including all existing and permanent improvements on the real property.

This Notice of Second Auction is issued pursuant to the Writ of Execution entered in this action on January 18, 2013, in order to satisfy the amount adjudged due to Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority from Defendants Estate of Ponciano Cruz Rasa and Vivian P. Rasa.

The terms and conditions of sale are as follows:

1. Public Sale: The auction shall be open to the general public and will be held in the open air. All public attendees are asked to observe social distancing measures and to wear face masks. Any attendees wishing to appear by video conferencing or telephone must notify counsel for CDA in advance at the
contact information provided in this notice at least by 10:00AM on September 29, 2020.

2. With Reserve: The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer: Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or bid for such property is accepted;
b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
c. To reject any and all bids.

4. Bids: Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property if it meets minimum bid requirements. Bids may be entered in person, through mail, or electronic mail to Charity R. Hodson at the contact information provided in this notice.

5. Deposit and Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten calendar (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check; payments may also be made by credit card with either Visa or Mastercard only, subject to a two percent (2%) processing fee. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the property, which shall revert to the Commonwealth Development Authority.

6. Change of Terms: The auctioneer and the Commonwealth Development Authority reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.

7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property for possible exceptions to the title. Contact the Commonwealth Development Authority for scheduled viewing and inspection times of the property, appraisal report, or the preliminary title report. These documents will also be available for review upon request at the auction site on the date of auction. The interests of Defendants Estate of Ponciano Cruz Rasa and Vivian P. Rasa in the property or any leasehold interest to the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2020.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, v. ERIC B. ATALIG and LOURDES F. ATALIG, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0004 NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION

THIS NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Development Authority, or its designee, will sell the fee simple title or a long-term leasehold interest to the following real property at public auction to the highest bidder, on **September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** in the open air outside the Commonwealth Development Authority, located in Oleai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Tract No. 21769-R2-5 (formerly part of Tract 21769-R2, which was part of Tract 21769, AH 72 and also known as Lot 352 R 01), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3007/95, the original of which was recorded on April 5, 1995, as Document No. 95-0841 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

Tract No. 21769-R2-9 (formerly part of Tract 21769-R2, which was part of Tract 21769, AH 72 and also known as Lot 352 R 01), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3007/95, the original of which was recorded on April 5, 1995, as Document No. 95-0841 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

Tract No. 21769-R2-10 (formerly part of Tract 21769-R2, which was part of Tract 21769, AH 72 and also known as Lot 352 R 01), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3007/95, the original of which was recorded on April 5, 1995, as Document No. 95-0841 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

The foregoing properties contain a total area of 2,618 square meters, more or less. This This Notice of Second Auction is issued pursuant to the Writ of Execution entered in this action on **January 12, 2017**, in order to satisfy the amount adjudged due to Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority from Defendants Eric B. Atalig and Lourdes F. Atalig.

The terms and conditions of sale are as follows:
1. Public Sale: The auction shall be open to the general public and will be held in the open air. All public attendees are asked to observe social distancing measures and to wear face masks. Any attendees wishing to appear by video conferencing or telephone must notify counsel for CDA in advance at the contact information provided in this notice at least by 10:00AM on September

2. With Reserve: The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer: Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or bid for such property is accepted;
b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
c. To reject any and all bids.

Bids: Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property if it meets minimum bid requirements. Bids may be entered in person, through mail, or electronic mail to Charity R. Hodson at the contact information provided in this notice.

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6. Change of Terms: The auctioneer and the Commonwealth Development Authority reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.

7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Commonwealth Development Authority for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Defendants Eric B. Atalig and Lourdes F. Atalig in the property or any leasehold interest to the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2020.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, v. THE ESTATE OF HERMAN T. PALACIOS and THE ESTATE OF JOYCELYN C. PALACIOS, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0004 NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION

THIS NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION that the Commonwealth Development Authority, or its designee, will sell the fee simple title or a long-term leasehold interest to the following real property at public auction to the highest bidder, on **September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** in the open air outside the Commonwealth Development Authority, located in Oleai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Lot No. 001 I 13, containing an area of 1,529 square meters, more or less, as described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 I 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 712, on the 1st day of March 1971, including all existing and future improvements on the said property;

This Notice of Second Auction is issued pursuant to the Writ of Execution entered in this action on **January 7, 2019,** in order to satisfy the amount adjudged due to Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority from Defendants Estate of Herman T. Palacios and Estate of Joycelyn C. Palacios.

The terms and conditions of sale are as follows:

1. Public Sale: The auction shall be open to the general public and will be held in the open air. All public attendees are asked to observe social distancing measures and to wear face masks. Any attendees wishing to appear by video conferencing or telephone must notify counsel for CDA in advance at the contact information provided in this notice at least by 10:00AM on September 29, 2020.

2. With Reserve: The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer: Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

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Dated this 20th day of August, 2020.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, v. AMBROSE BENNETT, individually and dba LIL & BRO'S TRIKE DEALERSHIP & RENTALS, and JUAN T. LIZAMA, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0236 NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION

THIS NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Development Authority, or its designee, will sell the fee simple title or a long-term leasehold interest to the following real property at public auction to the highest bidder, on **September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** in the open air outside the Commonwealth Development Authority, located in Oleai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Lot No. 031 A 01, containing an area of 1,186 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 031 A 00 dated 20 February 1985, as File No. 85-0423.

This Notice of Second Auction is issued pursuant to the Writ of Execution entered in this action on **July 23, 2018**, in order to satisfy the amount adjudged due to Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority from Defendants Ambrose Bennett, individual and dba Lil and Bro's Trike Dealership & Rentals, and Juan T. Lizama.

The terms and conditions of sale are as follows:
1. Public Sale: The auction shall be open to the general public and will be held in the open air. All public attendees are asked to observe social distancing measures and to wear face masks. Any attendees wishing to appear by video conferencing or telephone must notify counsel for CDA in advance at the contact information provided in this notice at least by 10:00AM on September 29, 2020.

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7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Commonwealth Development Authority for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interest of Defendant Juan T. Lizama or any leasehold interest to the property is being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2020.

/s/
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MVA to upgrade its visitor data analysis system

File photo shows 2019 Miss Marianas Shannon Sasamoto greeting passengers at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on Nov. 29, 2019. MVA

The Marianas Visitors Authority has been awarded a technical assistant program grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior to upgrade its visitor data collection and analysis system.

The $202,000 technical assistant program grant awarded to the Office of the Governor will allow MVA to update its current collection system. The upgrade will make data provided by visitors on their visitor entry forms more readily accessible.

"The MVA has been using its current equipment to scan customs forms since 2007-2008, but in this age of connectivity, it's time we adopt technology in scanning and data collection standards that has emerged in the data analysis and tourism industries," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "With this new system, the MVA will have the ability to better implement best practices for data collection through a more robust system producing quicker processing of visitor entry forms."

Prior to the downturn in visitor arrivals due to COVID-19, the MVA would input approximately 41,000-50,000 arrival forms each month (depending on peak or low-peak travel periods). Quicker data collection and cloud storage will provide the MVA and tourism partners more timely information and data analytics demographics and patterns of arriving customers to make more informed decisions in areas such as employee hiring and engagement, customer experience, and product development and delivery.

The grant application was facilitated by the CNMI Office of Grants Management and its Executive Grant Workshop in June 2020. The application was accompanied by letters of support from MVA board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce, CNMI Division of Customs, and NMI House of Representatives Tourism Committee chair Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero. ***(MVA)***

$50M Guam base operating support contract is awarded

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific awarded a $50-million cost-plus-fixed-fee contract with one three-month base period and a one three-month option period to DZSP 21, LLC of Marlton, New Jersey, Aug. 27 for base operating support services at Joint Region Marianas.

"This award illustrates our continued partnership with DZSP 21 as a vital part of base operations for Joint Region Marianas installations," said NAVFAC Marianas commanding officer Capt. Timothy Liberatore. "I would like to thank the dedicated men and women from NAVFAC Pacific and NAVFAC Marianas who worked hard to secure this contract and ensure continuity of operations as we transition to our next BOS contract."

The work to be performed will provide facility and BOS for the following services: management and administration, port operations, material management, facility management, sustainment, restoration and modernization, electrical, wastewater, steam, hot water and demineralized water, potable water, transportation, and environmental.

Work will be performed at various locations on the island of Guam, with an expected completion date of February 2021. ***(USN)***

Pacific public auditors go virtual with 2020 conference

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors just concluded their 31st annual conference, held virtually from Aug. 3 to 14, 2020, despite challenges imposed by the coronavirus and travel restrictions.

The conference was originally planned as an in-person event on Saipan but eventually pushed through online after the COVID-19 pandemic restricted travel options for participants.

"Unusual times like these has forced APIPA to innovate. More than ever, our accountability profession needs to maintain its core competence as we serve the public and our government," said CNMI Public Auditor Mike Pai.

"Accountability does not have borders, and this year is tangible proof that neither vast oceans, distance, time, and even now the coronavirus pandemic will separate you from the great work that you are doing must do," said U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, Douglas W. Domenech in his welcoming remarks to the virtual conference. "The pandemic has helped us see the importance of maintaining technological advantages—whether to provide improved government services or coming together as you have for APIPA 2020."

The APIPA 2020 virtual conference provided training for auditing and financial accountability officials from the U.S. Pacific territories and freely associated states, helping them to meet government auditing standards and maintain professional competency. APIPA 2020 represented a record-high attendance, with over 700 participants joining courses. During the sessions, participants expanded their skills in audit report writing, root cause analysis, grants management, leadership, internal controls, and quality assurance. In total, over 4,925 course certificates were awarded for 19,700 CPE credit hours.

The insular area government officials participating in this year's virtual conference came from American Samoa, Guam, the CNMI, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Fiji, and Samoa. Representatives from the FSM came from the national government and each of its four states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap.

Interior Inspector General Mark Lee Greenblatt delivered remarks at the opening session of the first plenary, encouraging participants to own their work and take leadership roles in accountability. "It's not just processes—all of us need to audit what matters," Greenblatt said. He urged island audit professionals to move their important accountability profession forward by going beyond "doing just what's prescribed to volunteering to do what's best." A closing plenary focused on ethics, with specific examples to help participants see the role of ethics in auditing and accountability. ***(PR)***

LED light bulbs to be handed out on Rota

The Department of Public Works' Energy Division Office will be hosting a LED lighting promotional campaign this Friday and Saturday on Rota.

The 2020 Rota Energy-Efficient LED Lighting Promotional and Educational Awareness Campaign will take place on Sept. 11, 2020, and Sept. 12, 2020, during which eight LED light bulbs will be given out to each household that participates in the event.

LED bulbs will be available for distribution on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the day while supplies lasts. The schedule of events are as follows:

■ Friday, Sept. 11, 2020: Mayor's Office parking Lot, 9am-3:30pm, if need be;

■ Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020: Mayor's Office parking lot, 9am-12pm.

The event is intended to help residential consumers reduce the cost of utilities of their homes and to educate the community about the importance of preserving and protecting available natural resources in the environment through energy-efficiency and conservation efforts in the CNMI.

To avail of LED bulbs, residential consumers must present a copy of a valid government-issued identification card and a copy of a most recent utility billing with name on account. If availing for a residential consumer unable to do so, an authorization letter from the account holder must be provided. Businesses, rental property owners and/or landlords are not eligible to receive LED bulbs.

In addition, due to the continued threat of the COVID-19, consumers are asked to observe during the event all posted and applicable health and safety related guidance to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

For additional questions or information regarding this event, you may contact Maile Iakopo, reporting specialist, at telephone numbers 664-4480/4.

Funding opportunity for this project is made possible through grant funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy - State Energy Program. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DCRM closed today

The Division of Coastal Resources Management will be closed today, Sept. 2, 2020, from 7:30am to 12:30pm for staff training. Services will resume at 12:30pm. ***(PR)***

Free webinars on federal contracting

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering free live webinars every Thursday in September. Webinars run from 10am to 11:30am and will be conducted via Zoom. Links to the live webinar and the webinar evaluation will be emailed to all registered attendees 15 minutes before the start of the webinar.

■ **Sept. 3 – How to Get HUBZone Certified** – All of Guam and the CNMI are HUBZones. The Guam PTAC will take you through the certification process, the required supporting documents, and follow-up requirements from SBA.

■ **Sept. 10 – How to Get 8(a) Certified** – The SBA's 8(a) Program was created to help small, disadvantaged businesses compete in the federal procurement market. The Guam PTAC will help you navigate the forms and requirements of the 8a program.

■ **Sept. 17 – Cybersecurity for Federal Contractors** – Cybersecurity is a national security issue. We will discuss what Federal contractors can do to make sure they are complying with DOD requirements with respect to keeping data protected. DOD's upcoming Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification will be discussed.

■ **Sept. 24 – Responding to Requests for Proposals** – The Guam PTAC will walk participants through the common sections and clauses of an RFP as well as provide tips on developing a proposal in response to an RFP.

Register at http://guamptac.com/news-and-events.php. ***(PR)***

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

DEPUTY CLERK II
for Drug Court
Announcement # JVA20-010

DUTIES: The successful candidate will work under the Presiding Judge and under the direct supervision of the Superior Court Clerk of Court on Saipan. The candidate will perform work with wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgment and taking action in accordance with established policies, practices and court procedures. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Receive, review and record documents filed for hearing;
- Review documents presented by counsels and Drug Court Staff for accuracy, proper form, and conformance with court rules and decisions for approval and signature by judges;
- Track cases taken under advisement, ensure updates of same and provide periodic reports to the Clerk of Court and effected judges;
- Set the court calendar and adjust the same to maximize courtroom time and meet unusual situations;
- Prepare bench warrants, subpoenas, summonses and other related documents for issuance;
- Assess fines, receive and account for monies, issues receipts, prepare deposit slips, and make disbursements when ordered or directed;
- Interpret and disseminate information, law, policies, and procedures governing the hearing of cases;
- Update and maintain case dockets, judgment books and case files;
- Maintain a listing of all drug court cases and provide data for reporting purposes;
- Assist with the certification of records in cases appealed to the CNMI Supreme Court;
- Serve as a courtroom clerk for the drug court, which includes but is not limited to the following: ensuring courtroom readiness for proceedings, attending court sessions, administering oaths to witnesses, operating electronic recording equipment, listing all relevant portions of proceedings on a log, receiving, marking and assuming responsibility of all introduced evidence, and performing translation during proceedings;
- Serve as a member of the CNMI Drug Court Team; attend staffing and trainings, maintain confidentiality rules, provide background information for all potential participants, make recommendations at initial and progress staffing, prepares and coordinates execution of orders, and maintain information on case management software.
- Act as a liaison between the Office of the Clerk of Court and the Drug Court Program;
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Candidate should have a high school diploma or equivalent. Should also have a Bachelor's degree in business administration or related field from an accredited university or college; or four years of equivalent work experience; or a combination equivalent of relevant education and experience; AND
A minimum of four (4) years of experience in legal, law enforcement, court administrative or related work.
Must have the ability to maintain and control sensitive and confidential information, maintain professional records, and uphold office policies. Must be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel

Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid drivers' license and operate a court vehicle. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. Salary range will be $23,000 - $25,000 annually.

INTERESTED PERSONS may obtain application form at Window #3 at the front of the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Kotten Tinian and Centron Hustisia in Rota during normal business hours except on austerity Friday and holidays. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 I 5:00 PM
Commonwealth Zoning Board Office
Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center Building
Tel: 234-9661/2 ● Fax: 234-9666 ● www.zoning.gov.mp

AGENDA

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 07/23/2020 and 8/6/2020 Zoning Board Meeting minutes
5. Public Comments

B. Communication:
1. Rep. Lorenzo Guerrero – Statistics of Junk Cars in Villages
2. Commonwealth Casino Commission –Monthly Meetings
3. Commonwealth Development Authority – Compliance for QC Beneficiaries
4. CNMI Muslim Cemetery, Inc. – Zoning Inquiries

C. Old Business
1. ITB 19-ZB-134 "Vehicle purchase for Enforcement & Operations"
2. Nuisance Abatement & Blighted Properties Maintenance Act of 2018 Regulations

D. Executive (Closed) Session

E. New Business
1. Zoning Administrator Renewal
2. Zoning for Cannabis Uses
3. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

F. Miscellaneous
1. Other Matters
2. Announcements
3. Next Meeting

G. Adjournment

In an effort to provide public access to this meeting during this pandemic, the Commonwealth Zoning Board will host this meeting via:

Zoom Video Communications
Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/6853007492?pwd=Q0daYlNPMDdXdFlQRTQ4UkhFRjViUT09
Meeting Code: 685 300 7492
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This meeting will also be aired on the Office of the Governor's Facebook page.

Opinion

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America's world role

In the cosmology of the Chinese Communist Party, the existence of Uighur Muslims is a threat not only to China's dominant ethnic group, the Han, but also to the broader economic goals of the Chinese state. As a result, the CCP continues its ruthless attempts to subjugate and control the ethnic and religious minority.

The Uighurs populate China's westernmost Xinjiang province. A thousand years ago this region was at the heart of the Silk Road, the network of trade routes that linked Asia with Europe. Today Xinjiang is a major logistics hub that is critical to China's ambitious global infrastructure plan, which aspires to link the old Silk Road again.

The CCP believes that unrest in Xinjiang, in the form of a Uighur separatist movement, could derail these grandiose plans. Therefore, expressions of Uighur identity are punished, while Chinese totalitarianism and religious intolerance rule the region. Chinese officials argue that China's policies in Xinjiang are simply an extension of the "global war on terror" and that the restive minority must be "re-educated" to combat religious and political extremism.

According to the United Nations, over 1 million Uighurs are being held without charge in what are being described as concentration camps. This may be the largest imprisonment of people based on religion since the Holocaust.

Not only do the Uighurs experience the full panopticon of surveillance by the Chinese state, they must endure forced labor, Communist Party orthodoxies and the suppression of their religion.

Particularly grotesque are the measures Chinese authorities have taken to slash Muslim birthrates. As reported by German scholar Adrian Zenz, Uighur women endure forced abortions and sterilizations.

The U.N. is in a position to draw attention to human rights abuses, but it has no ability to stop them, especially when they are perpetrated by a veto-wielding member such as China.

That makes it all the more imperative that the United States lead the world in applying pressure on China to adhere to the international human rights framework that protects ethnic and religious minorities from discrimination.

Led by Florida Sen. Marco Rubio—Congress' loudest defender of the Uighur people—the U.S. is using its diplomatic and commercial tools to disrupt the Chinese system of oppression.

In June, President Donald Trump signed into law the Uighur Human Rights Policy Act, which placed sanctions on top Chinese officials associated with the human rights violations. The U.S. also blocked certain imports from the Xinjiang region and blacklisted companies that had ties to forced Uighur labor.

Beijing is set to host the 2022 Winter Olympics, and if the CCP's campaign of cultural genocide does not stop, the U.S. and its allies should consider an attempt to block the country from hosting the illustrious event. If imprisoning 1 million people in concentration camps is not enough of a reason to lose host privileges, then what would be?

The fact that these atrocities are taking place in a remote part of the world far from public view is even more of a reason that the U.S. should continue to assume global leadership and work to promote and secure the rights and freedoms of the Uighur people.

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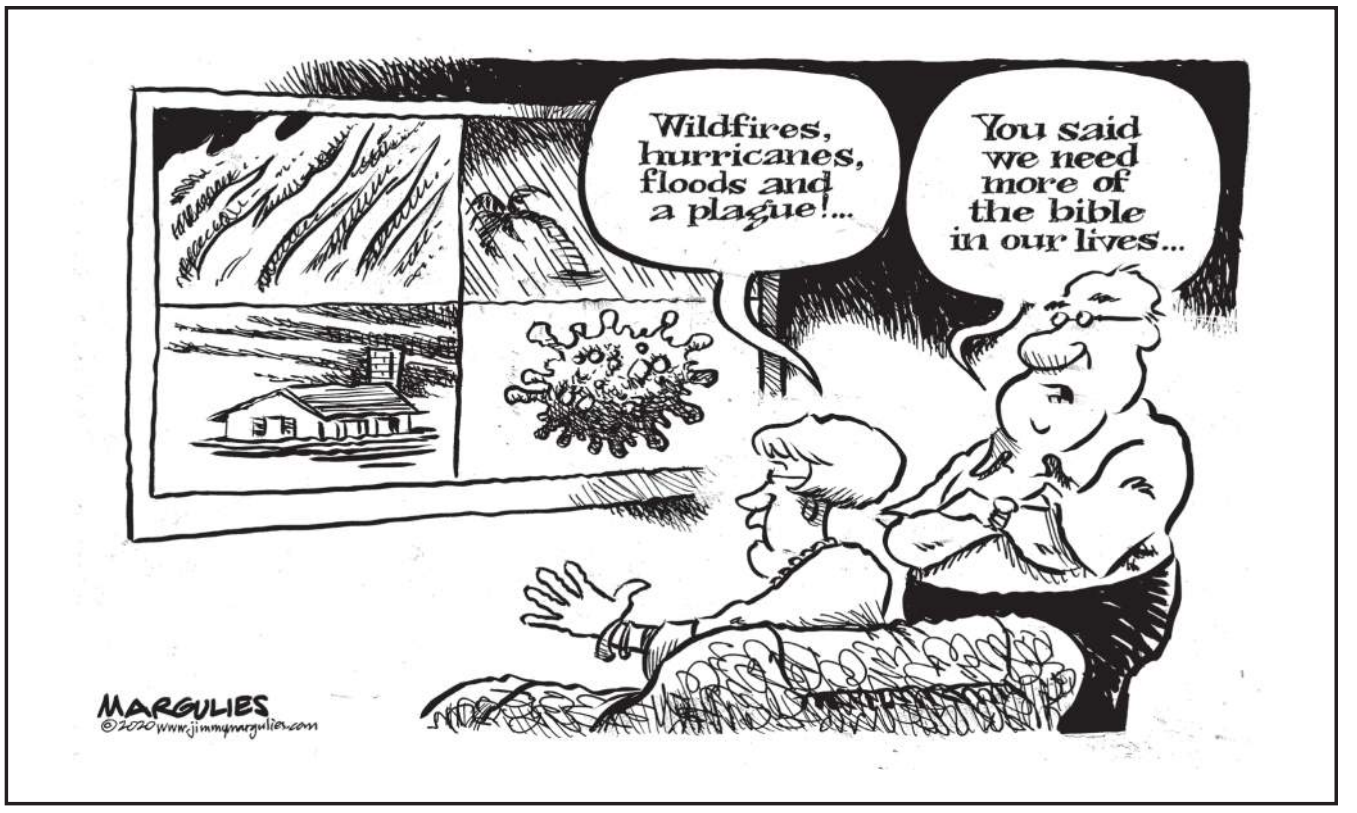
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New CDC coronavirus testing guidelines have it backward

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At least so far, the two most glaring failures of the U.S. response to the pandemic are in testing and public communication. Both came together this week when the CDC changed its testing guidelines in a way that had public health scientists baffled.

The new guidelines say people who don't have symptoms of COVID-19 don't need to be tested—even if they think they were exposed. "CDC is driving us all crazy," says Barry Bloom, a professor of public health at Harvard. "This just makes absolutely no sense."

You don't have to be a scientist to see this as bizarre, after mass fear of asymptomatic spread caused millions to be shut up in our homes last spring, and remains the impetus behind mask mandates and other restrictions that treat all of us as potentially contagious no matter how healthy we feel.

The change also comes at a time when the technology exists to start scaling up COVID-19 tests that are cheap, painless and quick. Massive-scale, regular testing was the way many experts envisioned a return to normal life after all the lockdowns. That way, the small fraction of people who actually have an active infection could be quarantined, and the rest could live with much more confidence and freedom in the long months it could take to achieve widespread immunity through a vaccine. While the public has been blamed for being too impatient to stay locked down longer, the real blame lies with those who didn't use the time we bought them to prepare a testing strategy and communicate it clearly.

Take the new CDC guidelines. "If you look at what they say, there are a bunch of weird contradictory guidelines," says Harvard epidemiology professor William Hanage. The CDC is saying they don't advise you to get a test, but you might be advised to get a test. It's left up to individuals to decide, he says.

Worse still, the test technology we've employed is the wrong one to stem the infections. The technique, known as PCR, is accurate but takes too long to get results—a few days at best and several weeks at worst.

By then, the results might be almost worthless for identifying clusters or contacts early enough to prevent future outbreaks. Those who are positive have already spread the disease to most of the people they were likely to give it to. "It's all about speed and speed is one thing we don't spend enough time talking about," says Hanage.

Even with the wait, though, experts say you should get tested if you were exposed to a known or suspected case—whether or not you feel sick. And ideally, people who work in healthcare, nursing homes and prisons should be able to get routine testing.

Speeding up the process would undoubtedly make all of this much more helpful. And a number of existing tests can deliver results in minutes. They don't have to be sent to central labs to be processed but work more like home pregnancy tests. If those could become widely available, then many more people could be tested routinely, and even those without high-risk jobs could take an instant test before going to a restaurant or visiting friends and relatives.

Bloom says the advent of do-it-yourself testing will give the public a much-needed sense of control. Quicker test results can also help scientists understand how the disease is spreading. In Japan, Iceland and other countries with a more coherent testing strategy, contact tracing goes backwards as well as forwards. That is, if a person tests positive, public health workers would find out not just who they might have passed the disease to, but where they might have gotten it, and who else got it from the same source.

This is particularly likely to help contain COVID-19, says Hanage, because many cases don't transmit to anyone, but a few give it to many in so-called superspreading events. A recently released study he co-authored used genetic fingerprinting of the virus to examine the outbreak that happened at a meeting of Biogen executives in Boston in late February. They found evidence that this superspreading event seeded about a third of all cases seen across the state, including several hundred in a homeless shelter.

Many of these cases could have been avoided had the outbreak been identified earlier. In Japan, he says, by working fast, a so-called cluster-busting approach has helped keep the disease levels low.

The big hurdle to getting faster testing is FDA approval. A number of small biotechnology companies have been given NIH grants to develop and scale up such tests, but some are not quite as accurate as the standard PCR test.

Or at least that's the perception. PCR tests will give a positive result if people still carry traces of the genetic material of the virus long after infection, even if they are no longer capable of transmitting the virus to others. The quicker tests might be just as good at detecting people who are capable of seeding new clusters of disease—people who are carrying active virus rather than just remnants or fragments.

But FDA rules won't allow approval of any test that's less sensitive than the current standard, even if, in a practical sense, it's a vast improvement. Those rules can be important for keeping bad drugs and diagnostics off the market, but in this case the criteria could be expanded as to what constitutes a superior test. With U.S. deaths crossing 180,000, a faster, less-accurate test might be just as valuable as a slower, more-accurate one.

It's becoming clear that there will be no single savior, but we'll make progress against the pandemic through a combination of vaccines, better treatment, better understanding of how the disease spreads. Faster testing, though, has the potential to make the most dramatic improvement in the shortest time. The CDC should be doing all it can to encourage more and faster testing—not standing in the way.

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Sept. 2, 1945: The end of the Pacific war

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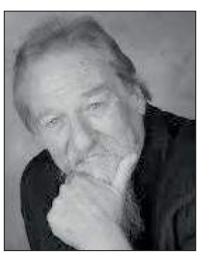
With P-51 Mustangs from Iwo Jima leading the way, hundreds of B-29 Superfortresses cruised over the USS *Missouri* at 3,000 feet over Tokyo Bay.

By DON FARRELL
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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B-29s fly over the USS *Missouri.* CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The 15 days between Japan's decision to accept unconditional surrender, Aug. 15, 1945, and the day the Japanese government and its military officials actually signed the surrender document, Sept. 2, were among the most dynamic days in Pacific history. The Allies did not trust the Japanese military to actually lay down their arms after years of fighting to the finish; death before dishonor. A military coup had been attempted on the evening of Aug. 14, but failed. War Minister Gen. Korechika Anami committed *seppuku* after signing the offer to surrender the evening of the 15th.

Disarming the Japanese military forces was problematic because they were stretched over millions of square miles of Asia. It was hard to get word to every unit. In the first few days, diehards took their frustration out on POWs. Some beheaded. Groups held in underground cells were burned to death. For the most part, however, the Japanese guards simply walked out of the camp and never looked back.

On Aug. 16, Marshall Stalin suggested to President Truman that Japanese forces in Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost home island, should surrender to Soviet forces. Truman had decided that Japan would not be partitioned, as had been Germany. He responded, "…arrangements have been made for the surrender of Japanese forces on the islands of Japan proper, Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu to Gen. MacArthur." With that supreme decision, Truman set the stage for a lasting peace in the Pacific.

On the 18th, Gen. Groves, director of the Manhattan Project, advised Brig. Gen. Thomas Farrell, his deputy, who had been on Tinian for several weeks, that the bomb assembly teams would remain "in such a state of readiness that the reactivation time will be no, rept, no longer than it takes to fly the active material…from New Mexico to Tinian." They wanted another bomb ready, just in case.

Gen. George Marshall, chief of staff, U.S. Army, informed Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, that an investigative group would arrive in Japan from Tinian to study the after-effects of the atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They should "enter these cities with the landing troops," wrote Marshall.

MacArthur's staff responded, not "before D-Day (the surrender), plus 26 at earliest."

Gen. Spaatz fired back that "Dog plus twenty-six is not acceptable. Believe scientists should be landed on Dog plus one at very latest…"

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With Gens. Jonathan Wainwright and A.E. Percival, fresh out of a prisoner-of-war camp, standing behind him, Gen. Douglas MacArthur signs the articles of surrender.

Several dozen British, Dutch, and American senior officers including Lt. Gens. Jonathan Wainwright and A.E. Percival were located and liberated at the Hsian POW camp, 150 miles north of Mukden in northern China on Aug. 19th. Both would participate in the surrender ceremony.

Capt. Parsons, USN, reported to Gen. Farrell on Aug. 20 that three Fat Man bombs were ready on Tinian, waiting only for the active core. That same day, the Russians established a new atomic bomb research project.

By Aug. 26, 1945, a Gallop poll showed that 85% of the respondents endorsed the atomic bombing of Japan.

On Aug. 27, the first airdrops of food and supplies to POW camps on Japan's home islands began. B-29s from the 58th, 73rd 313th, 314th, and 315th Bombardment Wings flew 900 sorties to 158 prisoner-of-war and civilian internment camps.

To reassure the Americans, Emperor Hirohito issued a "Rescript to Soldiers and Sailors on Aug. 28, stating "…members of the imperial family will be dispatched as personal representatives of his majesty to the headquarters of the Kwantung Army, Expeditionary Southern Regions, respective." Their purpose was to ensure that the army, which had occupied Manchuria in 1931 and invaded China in 1937 without orders from Tokyo, obeyed the Emperor's directives for peace. The Kwantung Army immediately ordered a cease fire.

On Aug. 29, U.S. Marines liberated the Omori POW Camp on a prisoner-built island in Tokyo Bay. The POWs were evacuated to the USS *Benevolence*, where the "walking skeletons" were registered, checked, cleaned, deloused, shaved, clothed, and fed whatever they wanted.

Gen. MacArthur left Okinawa on Aug. 30 aboard the C-54 *Bataan* and landed at Atsugi Air Base, outside Tokyo. There were only about a thousand American troops on the ground, with hundreds of thousands of Japan soldiers nearby. MacArthur stepped out the door of the plane, unarmed. Prime Minister Winston Churchill wrote of it, "Of all the amazing deeds of bravery during the war, I regard MacArthur's personal landing at Atsugi as the greatest of the lot."

The surrender ceremony was held aboard "Mighty Mo," the USS *Missouri*, on Sunday morning, Sept. 2, Tokyo time. The flag that had flown over at the U.S. Capitol on Dec. 7, 1941, flew from the ship's masthead.

Hirohito released another Imperial Rescript: "We command all Our people forthwith to cease hostilities, to lay down their arms and faithfully to carry out all the provisions of the Instrument of Surrender and the General Orders issued by the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters."

After directing the ceremony and having the Japanese officials sign the documents of surrender in front of Wainwright and Percival, Nimitz, Halsey and Mitscher, Gen. MacArthur gave the brief closing remarks:

"Today the guns are silent. A great tragedy has ended. …And so, my fellow countrymen, today I report to you that your sons and daughters have served you well and faithfully, with the calm, deliberate, determined fighting spirit of the American soldier and sailor, …They are homeward bound—take care of them."

To make a final point to the Japanese officials still on the deck of "Mighty Mo," American airpower arrived. With P-51 Mustangs from Iwo Jima leading the way, hundreds of B-29 Superfortresses cruised over the *Missouri* and the mighty fleet surrounding it at 3,000 feet. It was a fitting end to the war.

Gen. Farrell and his scientists entered Hiroshima the next day with Geiger counters.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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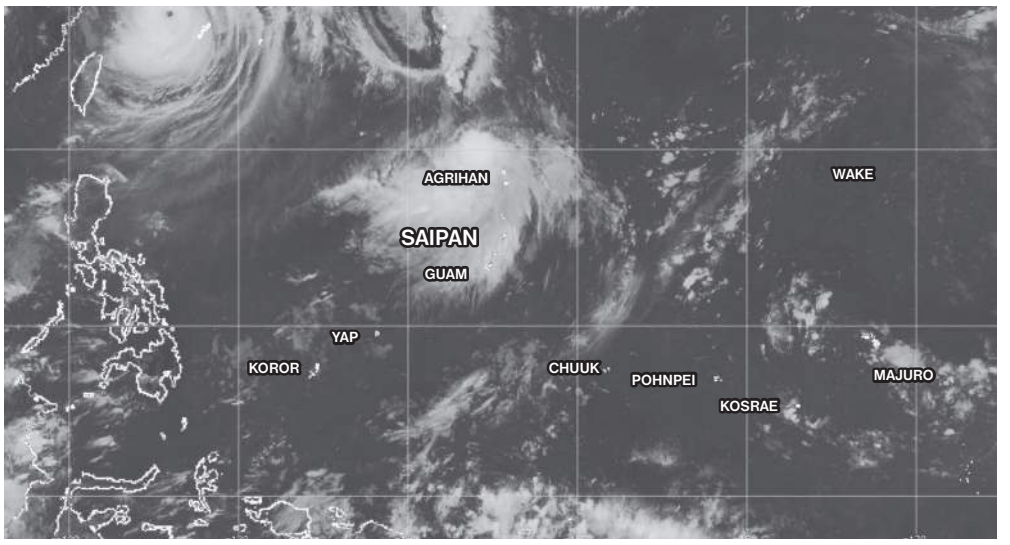

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Earlier forecast had scattered showers developing over the Marianas last night. Satellite and radar imagery did not show this. The earlier forecast had some of the scattered showers coming from a band of showers coming from north of the local area. This band did indeed develop but remained north of the area. This band of showers are south of Tropical Storm 11W and latest models keep them north of the area.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88° / 80°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	86° / 77°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 77°
Kosrae	Showers	85° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:04 AM	6:28 PM
Thursday	6:04 AM	6:27 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:26 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:26 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:25 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	5:50 AM	6:43 PM
Thursday	-	6:40 AM	7:20 PM
Friday	-	7:27 AM	7:56 PM
Saturday	-	8:14 AM	8:31 PM
Sunday	-	9:00 AM	9:06 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	61° / 46°
Beijing	Thunderstorms	86° / 74°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Honolulu	Sunny	85° / 75°
London	Partly Cloudy	61° / 54°
Los Angeles	Sunny	85° / 67°
Manila	Mostly Sunny	90° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	62° / 50°
Miami	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°
New York	Partly Cloudy	87° / 75°
Osaka	Thunderstorms	93° / 81°
Paris	Showers	97° / 71°
Busan	Thunderstorms	82° / 78°
Rome	Sunny	95° / 70°
Salem	Thunderstorms	91° / 73°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	67° / 56°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	94° / 79°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	90° / 74°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
2:00 AM	LOW TIDE	1.01
7:09 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.90
2:07 PM	LOW TIDE	0.09
8:38 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.88

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	7:30am	8:10am	1, 4
UA117	7:50am	8:30am	6

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	5:50am	6:31am	1, 4
UA174	6:15am	6:56am	6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301.2	8:30AM	9:00AM	Tues/Fri
1303	3:30PM	4:00PM	Tues/Fri

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101.2	9:30AM	10:00AM	Tues/Fri
3103	4:30PM	5:00PM	Tues/Fri

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1205	11:00	11:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1212	18:00	18:15	Temporarily Unavailable

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FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2105	11:30	11:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklist-household-ready.html
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
- ❏ Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
- ❏ Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ❏ Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ❏ Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

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Business

Japanese snacks to go at Ura-Ya

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Popular Japanese snacks or street food such as tokoyaki balls and baby castella with custard and chocolate are within arm's reach at Ura-Ya located at the porch of Salty's Bar and Grill in Garapan. Owner Naoki Oura, who has been on Saipan for 18 years, recounts that these snacks are popular all over Japan and it originated from his hometown Osaka.

Takoyaki balls consists of pan-fried balls that are made with a savory mix of batter, pickled red ginger, and pieces of octopus. "My family and I have a long-standing tradition when it comes to making and serving takoyaki balls to family and friends back in Osaka. When I was young, it was a tradition every Sunday to make takoyaki balls at home so the texture and flavor that I serve here at Ura-Ya is authentic Osaka takoyaki style," he said.

"Hot off the griddle, I use sauces that gives a tangy taste, Japanese mayo, and sprinkle it with katsuobushi fish flakes. I get all my ingredients from Japan and I use 'dashi' which has dried seaweed, fish, and herbs that adds flavor to the takoyaki balls," he added.

For orders, call Naoki Oura at (670) 287-0086

Baby castella is a Japanese sponge cake that you can serve with cream or chocolate syrup but eating it plain is already a delight. "It is considered a dessert and very visible especially during Japanese festivals. Here on Saipan, we serve them fresh during the Japanese Matsuri Festival in Garapan and Christmas season at night at Paseo de Marianas and the community loves it," Oura said.

"In the future, I plan to use local octopus and put coconut to add local flavor to the baby castella. I like the idea of merging Japanese food and local food because it always produce great flavor… the food that I serve is Japanese quality," Oura added.

Osaka-style takoyaki balls may look simple, but its texture and flavor are delightful.

PHOTOS BY BEA CABRERA

A businessman on Saipan for the past 18 years, Naoki Oura is now cooking his hometown favorites—takoyaki balls and baby castella (Japanese sponge cake).

Baby castella served plain, with cream or chocolate syrup, is a perfect snack or dessert.

Ura-Ya became Oura's second business after temporarily closing his karaoke bar, The Old B Bank. "With the current curfew in place, it is hard for businesses like I have to survive because karaoke is usually enjoyed past 10pm by friends and family. If it is a restaurant it is fine because people will be coming for dinner and drinks early," he said.

"Putting up Ura-Ya has given me a source of income during the pandemic and even if it's a small business, we follow health and safety protocols such as social distancing, mask-wearing, and the items come in containers or paper bags… part of my future plan is when I am making enough is to donate takoyaki balls and baby castella to our frontliners at Kanoa Resort. They work hard and it is me and my family's way of thanking them," he added.

Takoyaki balls is only $5 for six pieces and baby castella is only $3 for 10 pieces, $5 for 10 pieces. Ura-Ya is open from Monday to Friday, 11am-4:30pm. For orders, call Naoki Oura at (670) 287-0086.

Pandemic brings hard times for farmers, worsening hunger

The coronavirus pandemic has brought hard times for many farmers and has imperiled food security for many millions both in the cities and the countryside.

United Nations experts are holding an online conference beginning Tuesday to brainstorm ways to help alleviate hunger and prevent the problems from worsening in the Asia-Pacific region—a challenge made doubly difficult by the loss of many millions of jobs due to the crisis.

The U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization forecasts that the number of undernourished people will increase by up to 132 million in this year, while the number of acutely malnourished children will rise by 6.7 billion worldwide due to the pandemic.

"We are facing two pandemics. COVID-19, which beyond its health toll is crushing livelihoods, and hunger, a scourge the international community pledged to eradicate by the end of this decade," Qu Dongyu, the FAO's director-general said in a commentary ahead of the virtual meeting.

Disruptions due to outbreaks of the illness and restrictions on businesses and travel to control them run the gamut, from crops going unharvested by migrant workers unable to reach their jobs to transport problems to farm families selling livestock and equipment to survive. the FAO said in a report prepared ahead of the meeting.

The combined impacts of COVID-19, natural disasters such as typhoons and drought, diseases and pests such as locusts have highlighted the need to build stronger capacity to "manage multiple risks to food systems," the report said.

The FAO is urging faster deployment of high-tech tools such as drones and smartphone apps to monitor crops, pests and other farming conditions as part of a transformation of food systems to make them more resilient and reduce risks, especially for the most vulnerable small farmers in poor countries.

That includes food insecure places like Yemen, where the U.N. says more than a quarter of a million children are suffering from severe malnutrition and will die without treatment, and parts of Africa where nearly 5 million people are threatened with starvation due to locust outbreaks.

But long lines at food banks even in wealthy countries like the United States attest to the struggle to keep families fed with tens of millions newly unemployed.

In countries like Thailand, where tourism helps to keep the economy afloat, closed borders and cancelled commercial flights have a ripple effect across many industries.

The FAO report released for the conference, sponsored by Bhutan, recommended providing loans to farmers to help them avoid selling their livestock and other assets to get by.

It noted that enterprising fishing villages in southern Thailand's Phuket have arranged barter deals with rice farmers in the northeast of the country. Some fisher folk in Indonesia unable to export their catches switched to netting more affordable fish that they can sell to local villages.

In many countries, farmers increasingly are using e-commerce and digital data to fine tune planting and other aspects of agriculture. Chinese e-commerce platforms are helping to match supply and demand for farm produce and other food.

On a smaller scale, FAO experts noted there were many potential home-grown solutions, literally like farming using sacks or hydroponics, growing crickets for food and processing camels' milk to make cheese. ***(AP)***

Zoom rides pandemic to another quarter of explosive growth

SAN RAMON, Calif. (AP)—Zoom's videoconferencing service is deepening its integral role in life during the pandemic as tens of thousands more businesses and other users pay for subscriptions to get more control over their virtual meetings.

The surge in paying customers enabled Zoom to hail another quarter of explosive growth. The company on Monday reported that its revenue for the May-July period more than quadrupled from the same time last year to $663.5 million, boosted by a steadily rising number of users converting from the free to paid version of Zoom's service.

Zoom finished its fiscal second quarter with 370,200 customers with at least 10 employees, a gain of about 105,000 customers from the end of April. Just a year ago, Zoom only had 66,300 customers with at least 10 employees paying for subscriptions.

All that money pouring in helped Zoom earn nearly $186 million, or 66 cents per share, during its latest quarter, up from just $5.5 million at the same time last year.

"Organizations are shifting from addressing their immediate business continuity needs to supporting a future of working anywhere, learning anywhere, and connecting anywhere on Zoom's video-first platform," Zoom CEO Eric Yuan said.

Investors have latched on to Zoom too. After having already increased by fivefold so far this year, Zoom's stock price is poised to to climb to even loftier heights. The exuberant response to its quarterly report lifted the company's shares by nearly 23% in Monday's extended trading.

If the stock follows a similar arc during Tuesday's regular trading session, Zoom for the first time will boast a market value of more than $100 billion—exceeding the combined value of two storied automakers, General Motors and Ford, and two major airlines, American and United.

Back in early June, Zoom warned that it might suffer a wave of subscriber cancellations during the second half of the year if efforts to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus allowed more workers to return to offices. But the ongoing outbreak has prompted many major employers to keep their offices closed through rest of the year and possibility into next summer, a development that could propel Zoom to even greater heights.

In a show of confidence, Zoom raised its revenue projection for its fiscal year ending in January to nearly $2.4 billion, up from roughly $1.8 billion that the San Jose, California, company predicted in early June. The forecast is now more than double the $910 million revenue that Zoom had anticipated as it began its fiscal year.

Zoom has been thriving largely because the worst pandemic in a century shut down large parts of the economy in March, with employers shuttering their offices and schools closing their campuses. That forced millions of workers and students to hop on to Zoom and other videoconferencing services to get their jobs and schoolwork done.

Nation

Ailing Kenosha on edge as Trump visit looms amid tensions

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP)—Some residents in Kenosha fear a planned visit by President Donald Trump after unrest over the police shooting of Jacob Blake may stir more emotions and cause more violence and destruction in the southeastern Wisconsin city after several days of peace.

The city's mayor, and the state's governor, also said they believed Trump's visit comes at a bad time. But others welcomed the president's trip, scheduled for Tuesday, when he will tour damage and meet with law enforcement. Trump's visit comes as demonstrators are calling for the officer who shot Blake to be fired and face attempted murder charges, and more than a week after authorities say a 17-year-old from northern Illinois shot and killed two protesters.

Asked Monday whether he feared Trump's visit could stir more violence, Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser said: "We'll find out tomorrow, won't we?"

The tension began Aug. 23 after a video showed a Kenosha police officer shooting Blake, a Black man, in the back while responding to a call about a domestic dispute. All last week, Black Lives Matter protesters held events to call for changes to policing. Democratic Gov. Tony Evers called a special session of the Legislature for Monday to take up a host of police reform measures, but Republicans took no immediate action.

AP

Volunteers paint murals on boarded-up businesses in Kenosha, Wis., on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, at an "Uptown Revival."

Authorities said they had resources in place to protect the bedroom community between Chicago and Milwaukee, including more than 1,500 National Guard members.

Kenosha County Sheriff David Beth said more than 200 people have been arrested since the protests began. Of those, more than half were from outside Kenosha, he said. Many arrests were for curfew violations, and included possible charges for burglary, possession of illegal drugs and carrying concealed weapons without a permit, officials said. The Kenosha Police Department has said more than 20 firearms were seized.

Beth also said that "outside agitators" have used social media or made phone calls to churches and businesses to scare people and spread false rumors.

"I want the people of Kenosha to know there's a huge amount of resources here to protect you," Beth said.

Family members say Blake, 29, is paralyzed, and a lawyer said most of his colon and small intestines were removed. His family led a large peaceful protest Saturday, just before Trump announced his plans to visit.

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany said Monday that Trump has no immediate plans to meet with Blake's family when he's in Kenosha.

Trump told reporters Monday that he spoke with the Blake family pastor about speaking with the family, who insisted that their lawyer take part in the phone call.

"I thought it would be better not to do anything where there're lawyers involved," Trump said. "They wanted me to speak but they wanted to have lawyers involved and I thought that was inappropriate, so I didn't do that."

The White House later confirmed that Trump spoke with The Rev. James E. Ward, Jr., founder and lead pastor of Skokie, Illinois-based INSIGHT Church. The Associated Press left and email and voicemail seeking comment Monday evening from Ward.

Ben Crump, an attorney for Blake's family, told CNN that Blake's mother "was ready to receive the phone call, but for some reason the call never came, and we now understand why."

Deaths, worries about assistance mount after Hurricane Laura

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP)—In a matter of hours last week, Hurricane Laura tore through the tire shop Layla Winbush's family started just under a year ago, reducing most of it to rubble and scattering hundreds of tires across the lot. The storm also damaged her home, which now reeks of mold.

Federal and state officials are on the ground to help residents with home repairs and hotel stays. But Winbush said she feels alone, particularly after seeing a video of President Donald Trump, who visited the area Saturday, joking with Gulf Coast officials that they could sell copies of his signature for $10,000.

"We can't depend on the president. We can't depend on nobody," she said. "We'll just take what we have and get it done."

As evacuated Lake Charles residents return home, many worry they wouldn't have enough support from both the federal and state governments as they face a rebuilding process certain to take several months, if not longer.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards on Monday warned that residents were in for a long recovery, with 324,000 power outages across the state and 600,000 people either without water or under boil water advisories. Meanwhile, stifling heat and humidity were adding to the trouble of clearing out debris, patching roofs and starting rebuilding work.

"This is going to be a very difficult storm to recover from," he said.

But Edwards praised the federal response so far, saying the Federal Emergency Management Agency was quick to arrive with assistance and sent hundreds of workers for recovery efforts. On Monday, Edwards announced a temporary roofing program operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Nineteen deaths in Texas and Louisiana have been attributed to the storm; half were killed by carbon monoxide poisoning from the unsafe operation of generators. The latest, reported Monday by Louisiana's health department, was a 49-year-old man in Rapides Parish who died when a tree he was cutting fell on him.

The Category 4 hurricane made landfall Thursday just south of Lake Charles near Cameron, Louisiana, packing 150-mph (240-kph) winds and a storm surge as high as 15 feet (4.5 meters) in some areas.

Needs are substantial. More than 67,000 people in Louisiana have registered for assistance from FEMA so far, according to Edwards' office.

In hard-hit Calcasieu Parish, some waited hours for tarps, water and other supplies at distribution sites, said parish spokesperson Tom Hoefer. The parish had been without power, and in many areas, including the parish seat of Lake Charles that's home to more than 78,000 people, water had not been flowing from taps, he said.

Crews will have to rebuild hundreds of transmission towers and reset downed power poles and lines, said Scott Aaronson, vice president of security and preparedness for the Edison Electric Institute, the association of investor-owned electric companies in the U.S.

New focus for campaign: Will Biden or Trump keep you safer?

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The battle over who can keep Americans safe after recent deadly protests has emerged as the sharpest dividing line for the presidential campaign's final weeks, with Joe Biden on Monday condemning the violence and President Donald Trump defending a supporter accused of fatally shooting two men.

While the president blamed Biden, his Democratic foe, for siding with "anarchists," Biden, in his most direct attacks yet, accused Trump of causing the divisions that have ignited the violence. He delivered an uncharacteristically blistering speech and distanced himself from radical forces involved in altercations.

Biden said of Trump: "He doesn't want to shed light, he wants to generate heat, and he's stoking violence in our cities. He can't stop the violence because for years he's fomented it."

Trump blames radical troublemakers whom he says are stirred up and backed by Biden. But when he was asked about one of his own supporters who was charged with killing two men during the mayhem in Kenosha, Wisconsin, he declined to denounce the killings and suggested that 17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse was acting in self-defense.

After a confrontation in which he fatally shot one man, police say, Rittenhouse fell while being chased by people trying to disarm him.

"That was an interesting situation," said Trump. "He was trying to get away from them, I guess, it looks like, and he fell. And then they very violently attacked him. ... He was in very big trouble. He would have been—you probably would've been killed."

Trump's refusal to condemn the shootings could add to tensions in Kenosha when he visits Tuesday. He's going despite pleas from Wisconsin's Democratic governor to stay away for fears of sparking further tumult.

In Kenosha, the National Guard has been deployed to quell demonstrations in response to the police shooting of Jacob Blake, a Black man.

Trump said his appearance could "increase enthusiasm" in Wisconsin, which is a hotly contested battleground state in the presidential race.

Biden saw Trump's impact far differently, accusing the president of "poisoning" the nation's values.

In a statement after Trump's news conference comments, he said: "Today, I traveled to Pittsburgh to explain how the president was making America less safe—on COVID, on the economy, on crime, on racism, on violence—and reiterated my clear message that violence is not the answer to any of these problems. ...

"Tonight, the president declined to rebuke violence. He wouldn't even repudiate one of his supporters who is charged with murder because of his attacks on others. He is too weak, too scared of the hatred he has stirred to put an end to it."

Asia

AMID PUBLIC DOUBTS

HK begins mass-testing for virus

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong began a voluntary mass-testing program for coronavirus Tuesday as part of a strategy to break the chain of transmission in the city's third outbreak of the disease.

The virus-testing program has become a flash point of political debate in Hong Kong, with many distrustful over resources and staff being provided by the China's central government and fears that the residents' DNA could be collected during the exercise.

The Hong Kong government has dismissed such concerns, saying that no personal data will be attached to the specimen bottles and that samples will be destroyed in Hong Kong after the exercise.

The testing program began at 8 a.m. with residents heading to more than 100 testing centers staffed by over 5,000 volunteers.

More than 500,000 people in the city of 7.5 million signed up in advance for the program, which will last at least a week. It is aimed at identifying silent carriers of the virus—those without symptoms—who could be spreading the disease.

The government expects 5 million people will take part in the program, which could be extended to two weeks depending on demand.

Hong Kong's worst outbreak in early July was blamed in part on an exemption from quarantine requirements for airline staff, truck drivers from mainland China and sailors on cargo ships.

At its peak, Hong Kong recorded more than 100 locally transmitted cases a day, after going weeks without any in June.

The outbreak has slowed, with the city reporting just nine cases on Monday, the first time in two weeks that daily infections had fallen to single digits. However, the government and some experts say that community testing can help detect asymptomatic carriers to further stop the spread of the virus.

Respiratory medicine expert professor David Hui that even though infections have dwindled, the proportion of cases with untraceable sources of infection remain between 30% and 40%.

"That means there must be some silent transmission going on, so community testing has some role in picking up these silent transmitters," said Hui, who is a public health adviser to the city's government. "Hopefully if we can identify these people and isolate them for a period of time that may help to break the transmission chain in the community."

The program is more effective if most of the population takes part, Hui said.

"If only 1 or 2 million people take part, then we may not be able to achieve that objective," he said.

Other experts, such as Dr. Leung Chi-chiu, a respiratory specialist and a member of the Medical Council of Hong Kong, said that the testing program plays only a supplementary role in controlling the pandemic in the city, due to the long and variable incubation period of the coronavirus.

Leung said that mass-testing may not be the most cost-effective method, as it is not easy to pick up the disease in its early development, especially if a person is not having symptoms or have not had recent exposure to an infected patient.

Even if mass-testing could identify infected patients, they may already be past the infectious stage, he said.

Leung said that large-scale testing will not be able to replace traditional methods of social distancing and contact tracing measures, and should only be used as a complementary measure.

India says China's military made moves near disputed border

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—India said Monday its soldiers thwarted "provocative" movements by China's military near a disputed border in the Ladakh region months into the rival nations' deadliest standoff in decades.

China's military said it was taking "necessary actions in response," without giving details.

Local military commanders from the two countries were meeting along the disputed frontier on Monday to resolve the issues, India's defense ministry said. It said India was committed to dialogue "but is also equally determined to protect its territorial integrity."

The statement said China's People's Liberation Army on Saturday night "carried out provocative military movements to change the status quo" and "violated the previous consensus arrived at during military and diplomatic engagements" to settle the standoff in the cold-desert region.

In Beijing, foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said border forces were communicating over recent matters but gave no details.

"Chinese border troops always act in strict compliance with the Line of Actual Control, and have never crossed the line for any activities," Zhao told reporters at a daily briefing.

In a statement, China's defense ministry accused Indian troops of crossing established lines of control and creating provocations along the southern shore of Pangong Lake and nearby areas.

"The Chinese military is now taking necessary actions in response, will closely follow developments and resolutely safeguard sovereignty over Chinese territory, along with peace and stability along the border," it said.

India's defense ministry issued its statement after a gap of a day and did not give details of the nature of the new incident.

Two Indian security officials said that over two dozen Chinese soldiers walked into Indian-held territory on Saturday night but were blocked by Indian troops and forced to go back.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with government regulations, said the incident did not involve a physical clash.

The defense ministry's statement said Indian troops "undertook measures to strengthen our positions and thwart Chinese intentions to unilaterally change facts on ground."

It said the activity took place on the southern bank of Pangong Lake, a glacial lake divided by the de-facto frontier between the rivals and where the India-China face off began in early May on the lake's northern flank.

Indian military experts said the latest incident occurred in Chushul sector, where the two sides were generally respecting each other's positions.

"We never had any problem in this place and we hold it pretty strongly," said Lt. Gen. D.S. Hooda, who served as the Indian military's northern commander. "After relative calm, China has suddenly opened a fresh, brand new front. It's a huge provocation."

India unilaterally declared Ladakh a federal territory and separated it from disputed Kashmir in August 2019, ending its semi-autonomous status and straining the already prickly relationship between New Delhi and Beijing.

World

Hamas says deal reached to calm violence with Israel

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Gaza's Hamas rulers said Monday they have reached an agreement through international mediators to end the latest round of cross-border violence with Israel.

AP

Palestinians wear face masks during a lockdown imposed following the discovery of a rise in coronavirus cases in Gaza City, Monday, Aug. 31, 2020.

Under the deal, Hamas is to halt the launches of explosives-laden balloons and rocket fire into Israel, while Israel said it will ease a blockade that has been tightened in recent weeks. The Israeli restrictions have worsened living conditions in Gaza at a time when it is coping with a new coronavirus outbreak.

As a result of indirect mediation efforts led by Egypt, the United Nations and Qatar, Hamas said "several projects will be announced to serve our people in Gaza Strip and contribute in mitigating" difficult living conditions.

Its statement didn't detail any of the projects but it said conditions would return to "what they were before the escalation."

Under previous, unofficial understandings reached through intermediaries, Hamas has sought a broader easing of restrictions on movement, increased power supplies from Israel and large-scale economic projects to help lower unemployment hovering around 50%. It accuses Israel of moving too slowly or not honoring its commitments.

COGAT, an Israeli defense body responsible for Palestinian civilian affairs, announced late Monday that it would immediately reopen Gaza's only cargo crossing and resume fuel shipments into the territory. It also said it would reopen a 15-mile (25-kilometer) fishing zone off Gaza's coast.

"This decision will be tested on the ground: if Hamas, which is accountable for all actions that are taken in the Gaza Strip, fails to stand its obligations, Israel will act accordingly," it said.

The U.N. envoy to the region, Nickolay Mladenov, welcomed the agreement.

"Ending the launching of incendiary devices and projectiles, restoring electricity will allow #UN to focus on dealing with the #COVID19 crisis," he tweeted.

Israel and Hamas are bitter enemies that have fought three wars and numerous skirmishes since the Islamic militant group seized control of Gaza in 2007. Israel and Egypt have maintained a blockade of Gaza since the Hamas takeover, saying the restrictions are needed to prevent Hamas from arming.

In recent weeks, pro-Hamas groups have launched scores of incendiary balloons, torching wide tracts of Israeli farmland. Militant groups have also fired several barrages of rockets into Israel.

2 Saudi royals, others officials investigated for fraud

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Saudi Arabia's top military commander in its yearslong war in Yemen and his prince son have been removed from their posts along with other officials as part of an anti-corruption investigation, the kingdom said early Tuesday.

The announcement attributed the actions to a referral by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the 35-year-old son of King Salman who earlier carried out mass arrests as part of a similar anti-corruption drive that also targeted potential rivals to his rule.

A statement on the state-run Saudi Press Agency referred to "suspicious financial dealings monitored at the Ministry of Defense," without elaborating.

As a result, the statement said the kingdom fired Lt. Gen. Fahad bin Turki bin Abdulaziz, a prince in Saudi Arabia's large ruling family in charge of allied forces in the Saudi-led war in Yemen against the Iranian-allied Houthi rebels there.

Authorities also removed his son, Prince Abdulaziz bin Fahad bin Turki, from his position as the deputy governor of Saudi Arabia's al-Jouf region in the kingdom's northwest.

The kingdom is investigating four other officials as well, all on the orders of 84-year-old King Salman, the statement said. It wasn't immediately clear if those accused had been detained or if they had lawyers.

Anti-corruption officials "shall complete the investigation procedures with all relevant military and civil officials, take the necessary legal measures against them and submit the outcomes," the statement said.

Lt. Gen. Fahad only took over the kingdom's Yemen war in February 2018, years into the stalemate campaign that still sees the Houthis hold the capital, Sanaa. He previously served as a paratrooper and special forces commander, as well as oversaw the Royal Saudi Land Forces.

He took over the coalition as part of a mass restructuring of the Saudi military at the time.

The war in Yemen, which has killed over 100,000 people, displaced millions and shattered the Arab world's poorest country, has become the world's worst humanitarian crisis. It began with Houthi rebels seizing Sanaa in September 2014, then marching south. Saudi Arabia and allied countries entered the conflict in March 2015, led by then-Prince Mohammed as the Saudi defense minister.

The war has become a regional conflict, as the Iranian-backed Houthis hold the north and a variety of forces operate in the south under the umbrella of the Saudi-led coalition.

Good Housekeeping

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Parents are looking for alternatives to remote learning for their kids.

Stressed out from online back-to-school? Experts offer advice to navigate this unusual school year

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—What do you do if online learning is causing your child anxiety? How do you handle the stress of working while trying to keep a kindergartner in front of the computer for hours?

South Florida mental health experts say the 2020-21 school year could take a toll on the mental health of students and parents who must navigate virtual learning during the COVID-19 pandemic—but they offer some ways to cope.

This school year students will not be able to interact physically with teachers or participate in extracurricular activities when distance learning. Those who do go back to in-person learning will need to wear a mask and stay a distance from their friends and teachers.

These new challenges create concerns that are compounded by recent findings: One in four young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 say they have considered suicide in the past month because of the pandemic, according to statistics released last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

During a virtual conversation, South Florida child and teen psychologists offered solutions for recognizing and easing stress and anxiety. The panel, titled "Back to School Jitters in the age of COVID-19" hosted by Behavioral Health Associates of Broward, the Counseling Centers of Goodman Jewish Family Services, tackled questions from parents and teachers.

What's the best way to know if your child or teenager is experiencing mental health issues or lacking total motivation with the new format of learning? And, what can you do about it?

"Check in with them regularly," said Jessica Ruiz, chief psychologist and director of Behavioral Health Associates of Broward. "Ask them how their stress level has been, what their frustrations are and what's helpful."

For younger children that have a more limited vocabulary, "you may need to give them crayons and ask them to show you how they are feeling," said Kasi Patterson, a Broward licensed clinical psychologist. Visible aggression or tantrums may actually be frustration or anxiety. "They might not be able to verbalize it," he said.

When expected to sit in front of a screen most of the day, or stay six feet apart in a cafeteria, "kids may not be aware of their anxiety or stress," Patterson said. "It's important we as caregivers are observant of changes in behavior—hair twirling, pencil biting, chewing on nails."

How can a teacher recognize a student's anxiety over Zoom or through email?

"One of the things you might notice is the student asking a lot of the same questions over and over, and even when they get a response, they ask again," said Maribel Del Rio-Roberts, licensed psychologist and Nova Southeastern University associate professor, licensed psychologist and Nova Southeastern University associate professor. "You might also see a lot of fidgeting behavior. When a child seems unengaged, sometimes it's due to lack of attention but sometimes it's underlying anxiety. They might be ruminating about what's coming next."

For middle school and high school students, online learning can help or compound existing problems. "When you are on a platform like Zoom, you can see yourself. If you already have concerns or body image issues, those things may become heightened," Ruiz said. "But some teens who were more anxious face to face might thrive in this situation."

Ruiz suggests teachers offer multiple ways for students to communicate and encourage them to do so.

How can a parent relieve a child or teen's anxiety when they are anxious themselves or stressed from juggling work and online schooling?

"First, remember we are all doing our best," Patterson said "Accept that today is not the same as yesterday when our lives were different."

Next, he advises thought replacement. The concept is replacing negative thinking, or guilt, with self-compassion and positive thinking.

"There is a lot of focus on what isn't going well or things we are worried about," he said. "Be mindful of what you are taking in. Take time to look at what's going well in your life and talk about it."

What advice do you have for teens who are social by nature and are struggling with social distancing and feeling isolated?

"Ask your teen a lot of open-ended questions," Ruiz said. "It's a good idea to see how they are thinking and what they are craving. You may be able to brainstorm safe ways for them to stay connected to friends."

Because of virtual school, parents may have college-age children at home. How can they help them with their mental health?

"It's a tricky balance for parents. Young adults have been away on their own and have had a taste of independence. Coming back home to some degree can be comforting or create the sense of losing some of their freedom," Ruiz said.

For parents, you do want to check in and see how they are doing, what they are worried about, but at the same time remind yourself to allow them some space to continue to make decisions on their own, she said. "Help them problem solve but respect their privacy."

How do parents answer family members who disagree with their back-to-school decisions and create additional stress?

The stress of dealing with COVID-19 is causing decision fatigue. Here's how to cope.

By ALISON BOWEN
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Even before the pandemic, making constant decisions daily could create stress.

COVID-19 has added weight to small and big decisions alike. Should I pick up takeout? Do I send my child to school? Do we allow a babysitter to come over? Should we attend a birthday party? Is one item from the grocery store worth the trip?

The concept of exhaustion and stress after making choices is known as decision fatigue. After months of assessing the risk and benefit of daily choices during the coronavirus crisis, people are tired. Especially as school begins, many families have been agonizing over whether to send their children to school or how to manage remote learning.

One-third of Americans experienced high levels of psychological distress during the COVID-19 outbreak, according to a Pew Research Center report.

Michelle Goldberg wrote in the New York Times this week that the school crisis in New York City was keeping her up in the middle of the night as she tried to balance the emotional, economic and physical factors involved in her children's schooling.

This decision-making process has been so stressful that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offered a decision-making tool for parents and guardians, suggesting factors to consider, from services a child may receive at school to the feasibility of remote learning.

Some schools and workplaces may change how they operate throughout the next few months to respond to evolving understandings of the virus. So even as parents make a decision, they face the likelihood of revisiting the stress of figuring out the best option for their family, should schools and workplaces shift their plans.

"Decision fatigue has been absolutely amplified by COVID," said Vaile Wright, senior director of Health Care Innovation at the American Psychological Association.

Many are deciding between two unpleasant alternatives. School is a good example, she said. "There's no clear answer there. There are pros and cons to both, and neither of them are very good."

And the level of uncertainty adds stress. We know more about the virus than we did five months ago, but still not enough to feel any choice is right. "It's this constant risk/benefit analysis that we're doing in our heads. Is it safe to go on that physically distant walk with my friend outside? Do I have to wear a mask?"

Something like going to the grocery store _ a task Wright notes we previously would not have given much mental space _ now feels laden with risks and worries. And even within that errand are multiple decisions: which store to go to, how long to stay inside, whether groceries should be ordered online and delivered, and whether to sanitize items at home.

Even though some people might be less likely to tolerate uncertainty, she said, "I don't think anybody's immune to the stress that's happening right now."

So what do you do about it?

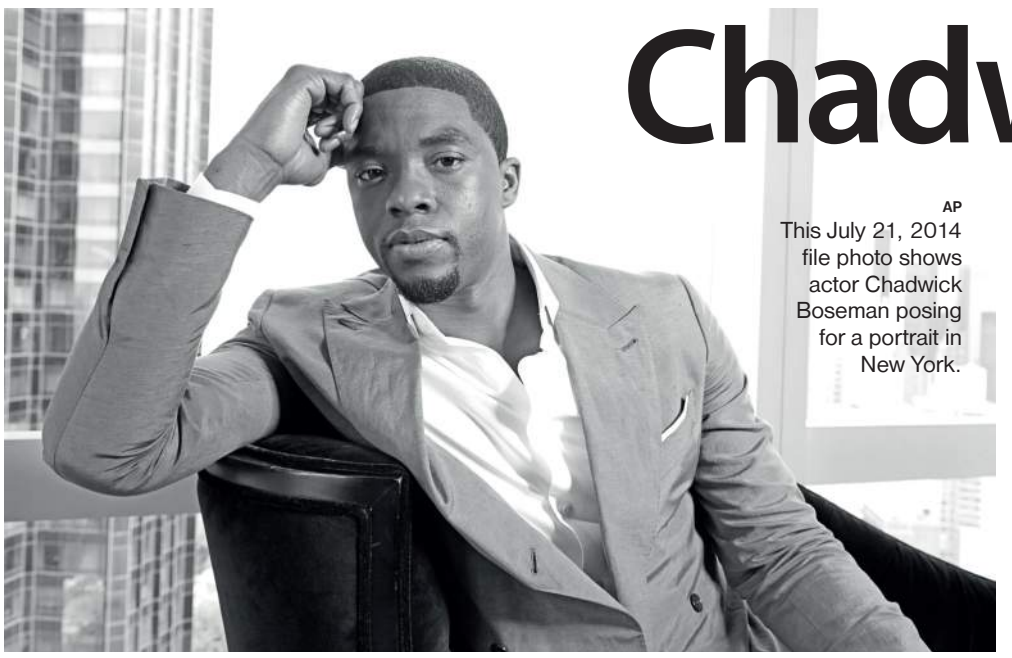
First, Wright suggests sharing decision-making when possible. "In a lot of households, mothers or women are still disproportionately making decisions," she said. "Partners can work together and either make decisions together or divide and conquer."

The key is to not second guess, she said. That maintains a level of hyper-vigilance and keeps your mind rotating.

Accept what is in your control. Right now, that might be recognizing that the virus is not soon going away, and people will need to balance how to be physically safe while creating a life that retains joy, she said.

Finally, she said, "I think it's really important that we don't judge ourselves or judge others right now for the decisions that we're making. We really need to be approaching all of this right now as a sense of community and with empathy."

Life & Style



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This July 21, 2014 file photo shows actor Chadwick Boseman posing for a portrait in New York.

Chadwick Boseman's death leaves saddening mark on rough 2020

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kobe Bryant. Rep. John Lewis. And now, Chadwick Boseman.

So far, 2020 has been marred with bad news and tragedy with the deaths of several popular Black icons including Bryant, Lewis and recently Boseman, who died Friday. All three were viewed as leaders in their respective fields of sports, politics and film—places where people, particularly in the Black community, have often looked for inspiration during a year of racial tension and protests against the police brutality of unarmed Black people.

But for many, the loss of another major figure such as Boseman is taking a toll. The actor, who starred in the blockbuster superhero Marvel film "Black Panther," shockingly died at the age of 43 in his home in Los Angeles after he privately battled colon cancer for four years.

"These are pillars in our community," Rev. Al Sharpton said. "In times of instability, you depend on pillars. It's bad enough when there's a storm outside and you hear the lightning and thunder. It gets worse when the pillars that you're building and standing on (are) shaking. It's like they're chipping away at our foundation. The very building is shaking down, because the things that undergird and protect us from the storms are being removed."

Sharpton called Boseman an important pillar that humanized several Black historical trailblazers in his roles—including color-line breaking baseball star Jackie Robinson, legendary singer James Brown and the first African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Boseman's family said he endured "countless surgeries and chemotherapy" while portraying King T'Challa of Wakanda in the Oscar-nominated "Black Panther," a film that proved a person of color could lead in a successful superhero film.

"For him to pass at this time when we are disproportionately affected by COVID and have all of these attacks by law enforcement, and him being the symbol bringing us to Wakanda, it's just a blow," Sharpton said. "To hear that our superhero who projected a positive light was now gone, it was a gut blow."

Boseman was elevated to a stage that many Black actors don't get the chance to occupy, said Los Angeles Lakers star LeBron James. And his ability to be "transcendent" on that stage brought a comic book character to life for many in the Black community.

John Oliver: Name sewage plant for me, I'll give to charity

Comedian John Oliver upped the stakes in a tongue-in-cheek spat with a Connecticut city, offering to donate $55,000 to charity if officials follow through on a joke to name its sewage treatment plant after him.

Mayor Mark Boughton said last week that Danbury was going to rename the facility the John Oliver Memorial Sewer Plant, in response to Oliver's expletive-filled rant against the city on a recent episode of HBO's "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver."

"Why? Because it's full of crap just like you, John," Boughton said in a video posted on his Facebook page.

Oliver's Danbury diatribe came on his Aug. 16 show, in which he explored racial disparities in the jury selection process, citing problems three decades ago in Hartford and New Britain in Connecticut. He then seemingly randomly went off on Danbury.

On Sunday's show, Oliver said he was surprised and delighted by the city's response. But then he went off on another rant after playing a video of Boughton saying it was just a joke.

"Wait, so you're not doing it? Aw (expletive) you, Danbury," Oliver said. "You had the first good idea in your city's history and you chickened out on the follow through. What a classic Danbury move. Listen, I didn't know that I wanted my name on your (expletive) factory but now that you floated it as an option, it is all that I want."

Oliver offered to donate $55,000 to Danbury-area charities, including $25,000 to the Connecticut Food Bank, if the city renamed the plant after him. If not, Oliver said he would make charitable donations to "rival" towns including Waterbury and Torrington.

Boughton said Monday that city officials were considering Oliver's offer and planned to release a response by the end of the week. He said the City Council would have to approve any renaming of the sewage plant.

"I think it's very generous and we appreciate that," the mayor said. "It's just a great distraction for people to get laughs." ***(AP)***

20 new sexual assault counts filed against adult film actor

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Adult film star Ron Jeremy was charged Monday with 20 new counts of rape or sexual assault involving 12 women and a teenage girl, authorities said.

The charges came two months after the 67-year-old Jeremy was charged with the rape of three women and the sexual assault of a fourth.

Jeremy pleaded not guilty to the new charges in Los Angeles Superior Court and previously denied the earlier allegations.

Jeremy, whose legal name is Ronald Jeremy Hyatt, has been held in jail on $6.6 million bail since June.

The new counts span 16 years, from 2004 to January of this year, when authorities say he sexually assaulted a 21-year-old woman outside a business in Hollywood.

The charges include five counts of forcible rape and six counts of sexual battery by restraint. They also include an allegation that he sexually assaulted a 15-year-old girl at a party in 2004.

Six of the alleged assaults took place at a bar in West Hollywood where Jeremy was a regular, prosecutors said.

After the previous charges were filed, Jeremy's attorney Stuart Goldfarb said he was "absolutely innocent." Goldfarb did not immediately reply to an email seeking comment on the new counts.

Investigators from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department put out a call for more possible victims to come forward when the initial charges were filed in June. Prosecutors said they received dozens of calls in the days that followed.

The combined counts could bring sentences totaling more than 250 years in prison.

Toddler uses foul language she learned from her dad

DEAR ABBY: Although he has never hit me, my husband has been emotionally and verbally abusive ever since our wedding five years ago. One of his favorite names for me when he's angry is "F-----n' B----." I know this is my fault because I have tolerated it.

Today, my 2 1/2-year-old daughter (who is usually a good girl) threw a tantrum and called me the same name twice. I try to discipline her, but she doesn't understand that she's saying something bad if Daddy can call me that. How can she? He blames me for her talking that way, saying he hasn't called me that in a month. (He called me that last week. I don't use that language.)

I have suggested marriage counseling in the past, but he refused. I can't leave him because I am seven months pregnant with our second child. How do I get both of them to respect me?

DISRESPECTED IN THE EAST

DEAR DISRESPECTED: You know that appointment you wanted to make for you and your husband with a licensed marriage and family therapist? Make one for yourself, right now, because what's going on isn't healthy for you or your little girl.

Your husband demeans you because from the moment you married him you have allowed it. Your 2-year-old isn't being disrespectful when she calls you what her father does. Children her age want attention, and they are mimics. Giving them attention when they use bad language reinforces them to do it more.

Please do as I'm suggesting before you conceive a third child. From your description of your relationship with your husband, his verbal abuse and the disrespect it conveys WILL be an example for your children that will follow them into adulthood.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 37-year-old mother of two (ages 9 and 11). My husband and I have built a beautiful life together. We live in close proximity to his family, whom I absolutely love.

My question involves my own family. My father passed away 2 1/2 years ago. We were very close, so it is an ongoing struggle for me. My mother has since disowned me and my children. She's a textbook narcissist who has said many very hurtful things and has a new man and new life. Our relationship was always strained, and I knew it wouldn't be the same without Dad because he was the glue.

I have come to terms with this for myself, but we haven't talked to our children about it. How do I explain to them that their grandma doesn't want to be a part of their life? They love her and ask about her often, so I keep making stuff up.

She won't answer phone calls from me or my husband. I believe she has us blocked. She has also blocked us on social media along with other family members.

I want my kids to know the truth, but I don't want to hurt them. How can I do this?

MOTHERLESS IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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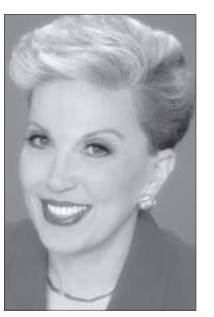

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DEAR MOTHERLESS: Stick as close to the truth as you can, with some editing. If your children ask about their grandmother, explain that people deal with the death of a loved one in different ways. In your mother's case, "She needed to look forward and not look back. Because your grandfather's death was so painful, she is concentrating on things other than family, and although we might miss her, we should be comforted that she has found a way to cope. It may not be what we would have wished, but it is her way, and we have to respect it and go on with our own lives."

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Pastimes

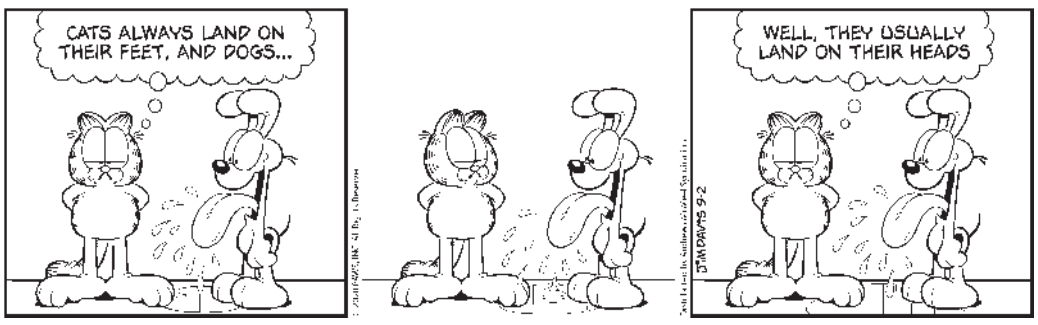
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

ALL RIGHT, SUSIE, I BROUGHT YOUR DUMB DOLL BACK! NOW LET HOBBES OUT, OK? FAIR'S FAIR!
I DUNNO, CALVIN. I'M THINKING I MIGHT RATHER HAVE YOUR TIGER. YOU CAN KEEP BINKY BETSY.
AAHH! I DON'T WANT A DOLL! THIS IS YOURS! TAKE IT!
OH, YOU'LL GROW TO LIKE HER, CALVIN. SHE HAS THE CUTEST ACCESSORIES YOU CAN BUY!
NO! NO! I WANT HOBBES! TAKE THIS!
BUT I THINK HOBBES LIKES IT BETTER HERE WITH ME.
HE DOES NOT!

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



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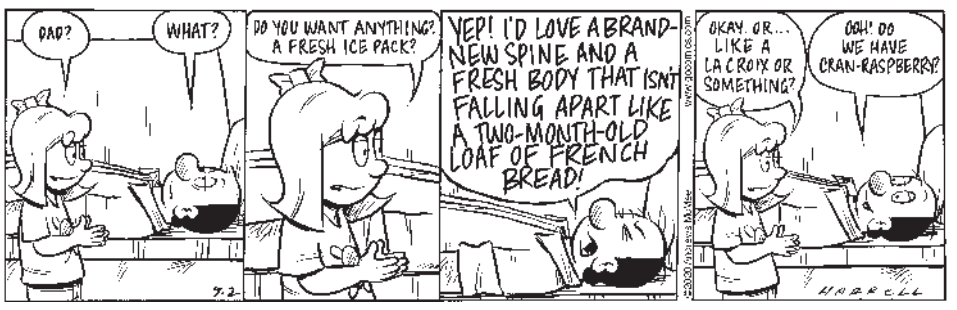
By Bryan Basset


DAD?
WHAT?
DO YOU WANT ANYTHING? A FRESH ICE PACK?
YEP! I'D LOVE A BRAND-NEW SPINE AND A FRESH BODY THAT ISN'T FALLING APART LIKE A TWO-MONTH-OLD LOAF OF FRENCH BREAD!
OKAY. OR... LIKE A LACROIX OR SOMETHING?
OOH! DO WE HAVE CRAN-RASPBERRY?
9-2

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

ANOTHER CAMPAIGN COMMERCIAL?
YEAH, THIS GUY IS RUNNING FOR DOG CATCHER.
IS HE A GOOD CANDIDATE?
HECK NO. HE'S BEING FUNDED BY THE CAT UNION!

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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18 Eight fluid ounces
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21 Bake sale org.
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26 Learning ctr.
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38 Small taste
40 Perched
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43 London's Old —
45 Potted, ornamental tree
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55 Business mag
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2 King of the jungle
3 Tennis legend Arthur
4 Civil rights org.
5 Facial treatment
6 Mex. neighbor
7 Bas-relief medium
8 Traveling by boat
9 Tree-lined promenades
10 NYC gallery
11 Getz of jazz
16 Crazy
20 Honest politician
23 Choose
24 "Evil Woman" band
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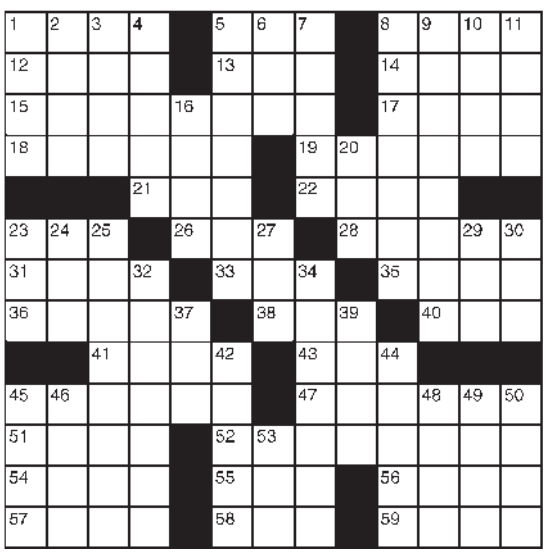

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Zedd, 31; Salma Hayek, 54; Keanu Reeves, 56; Mark Harmon, 69.

Happy Birthday: Your timing is impeccable, and your ideas sound. Take the initiative, make adjustments that will ease stress. Aim to incorporate comfort and convenience in all aspects of life. Look at partnerships carefully, and stand by those who offer equality. Steady growth, coupled with constant learning and adapting, will help you excel. Fine-tune personal relationships emotionally, mentally and physically. Your numbers are 9, 14, 22, 28, 36, 44, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Take better care of yourself. Refuse to get involved in something that isn't to your advantage. Look for balance in all that you do, regardless of what others are pressuring you to do. Focus on self-preservation and personal gain. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Explore and expand, it's up to you to take the throttle and make things happen. Take command and delegate chores, responsibilities and jobs you cannot handle yourself. Get the show on the road. Be innovative and eager to try something new. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Think twice before you believe what you hear or relay the information you receive. Expect someone to exaggerate or mislead you intentionally. Question what's possible before you sign up for something that might jeopardize your finances or friendships. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Use every skill you've got to help you get ahead. It's OK to toot your horn to ensure people know what you are capable of doing. Take advantage of any situation that allows you to get ahead. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Put your effort where it counts. Focus on work, taking care of unfinished business and physically taking action to reach your goal. Refuse to let anyone sidetrack you with grand schemes with little substance. Do your own thing. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Look over your options, and make a decision. Promote what you want to do with a little flair, and you will convince others to help you pursue your goals. Romance is in the stars. Share with someone you love. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Sit tight, keep a watchful eye on what others are doing and steer clear of those putting unfair demands on you. Put your energy into keeping the peace and learning all you can to get ahead. Moderation is encouraged. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Just follow the path that beckons you, and you will sail through today with ease. Concentrate on creative endeavors, personal relationships and self-improvement, and you will be satisfied with the results you get. Romance is on the rise. Live in the moment. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Stop and give yourself a chance to evaluate what's going on around you. Don't give anyone a chance to play mind games with you. Put your energy into physical fitness, self-improvement and being realistic. Truth matters. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Your finances will take an unexpected turn. Take advantage of an opportunity to recoup a loss or to multiply what you already have. You'll get a chance to breathe easily and improve your quality of life if you make a positive domestic change. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Put in the effort, and reap the rewards. Hard work will pay off. Rely on what worked for you in the past, and you will get ahead. Do what's best for you, not what someone wants you to do. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Make the changes that suit your needs. Helping others is fine, but make sure you get something in return. Make sure partnerships are a two-way street. Love and romance look promising. Make the first move, and share your feelings. ✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

LET'S SQUAWK Solution: 6 letters

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Heat stuns Bucks in semis series opener

FLORIDA (AP)—Jimmy Butler kept hearing the same message from teammates in every conversation Monday night.

"Win the game."

He listened to them, and delivered.

Butler scored 14 of his playoff career-high 40 points in the fourth quarter, Goran Dragic added 27 and the Heat clamped down defensively in the final three quarters to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 115-104 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Monday night.

"I felt like I took it up a level in the fourth quarter," Butler said. "If that needs to happen every game, I've got to be able to do it. But we've got so many guys capable of doing it for us."

Bam Adebayo had 12 points, 17 rebounds and six assists for the fifth-seeded Heat, who are 3-1 overall against the top-seeded Bucks this season. Tyler Herro added 11 points for Miami, which improved to 5-0 in the postseason.

Butler joined only LeBron James and Dwyane Wade—the first person who texted Butler postgame Monday night—as players with a 40-point playoff effort for Miami. He was 13 for 20 from the field, 12 for 13 from the line and 2 for 2 from 3-point land.

"He wants these kind of moments," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Khris Middleton scored 28 points for Milwaukee, which also dropped Game 1 of its first-round series against Orlando. Brook Lopez had 24 points on 8 for 10 shooting, and Giannis Antetokounmpo had 18 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists for the Bucks.

But Antetokounmpo's night will likely be best remembered by what he did at the foul line: The reigning MVP went 4 for 12 from the stripe, the worst performance by anyone with at least 12 free-throw attempts in a playoff game since Andre Roberson went 2 for 12 for Oklahoma City on April 23, 2017 against Houston.

"He just has to stick with his routine, stick with what he's been doing, continue to have a lot of confidence, continue to attack, continue to get to the free throw line," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "He's going to make them. We have total faith in him."

Kyle Korver added 11 for the Bucks, who scored 40 points on the way to an 11-point lead after the first quarter—then managed 64 the rest of the way. The Bucks played without point guard Eric Bledsoe, out with a strained right hamstring.

"We've been here before," Antetokounmpo said. "Going down 0-1 against Orlando, we did the same thing last year against Boston ... We've got to come out and play Game 2, man. It's a big game. Our season is on the line. We've got to come out, play hard, watch the tape, make the adjustment, be aggressive, make the right play and hopefully we can win the game."

Miami led 92-86 after three quarters, after trailing for most of the game to that point—then managed only three points in the first 6:09 of the fourth quarter.

The Bucks didn't exactly exploit that slump.

Game 2 is Wednesday.

AP

Miami Heat's Jimmy Butler (22) dunks the ball after getting past Milwaukee Bucks' Donte DiVincenzo (0) during the second half of an NBA conference semifinal playoff game, Monday, Aug. 31, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Thunder 104, Rockets 100

Chris Paul gave the Oklahoma City Thunder at least one more game in the bubble, scoring 15 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter for a victory over the Houston Rockets in Game 6 of a Western Conference first-round series.

Paul made two free throws with 13.1 seconds left and the game tied at 100, and Danilo Gallinari added two more after a turnover by Russell Westbrook to finish it off.

Game 7 will be Wednesday night, with the winner advancing to face the top-seeded Los Angeles Lakers.

It gives the West two Game 7s, with Denver and Utah set to play theirs on Tuesday.

In a game that was close all the way—neither team led by double digits—the Thunder bounced back from a blowout in Game 5.

Gallinari added 25 points.

James Harden had 32 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Rockets, while Robert Covington had 18 and Westbrook 17 in his second game back from a right quadriceps strain.

Houston got its most dominant playoff victory in Game 5, winning 114-80 after holding Oklahoma City to 31.5% shooting. But the Thunder shook that off, just as they did a 2-0 deficit in the series.

Most of the first half was played within a margin of just a few points either way. The Thunder continued to misfire, hitting just 41.7% overall and going only 3 for 15 on 3-pointers.

But they defended well and the Rockets didn't crack 30 points until more than 4 1/2 minutes into the second quarter. Harden scored six straight points late in the half and Eric Gordon hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer for a 51-48 lead.

Westbrook scored five straight points to open the third and the Rockets would get the lead as high as nine in the period. But Gallinari kept it from getting any worse and then Dort had a layup and two 3s for an 8-0 run that ended the quarter and sent Oklahoma City to the fourth with a 77-75 lead.

Oklahoma City extended it to eight, but Houston wiped that out with an 18-4 run that provided a 98-92 lead. Paul answered with consecutive 3-pointers to knot it again, and he later unknotted it for good.

Belichick remains mum on QB starter

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—The Patriots began their final week of training camp Monday, but Bill Belichick still isn't sure when he'll be ready to announce his starting quarterback.

"I don't know," Belichick said when asked how close he was to revealing who would be on the field for New England's opener against Miami on Sept. 13. "When we're ready to do it, we'll do it."

Cam Newton, who has been the front-runner to get the nod since camp opened, was absent from the field Monday morning during the limited portion of practice open to reporters. It was the first time he wasn't present at the start of a practice since training camp began.

But Newton widened the gap between himself and fellow quarterbacks Jarrett Stidham and Brian Hoyer last week during a simulated game in which he was the only quarterback to lead the projected first-team offense. Newton misfired on just three passes during the session held inside Gillette Stadium on Friday.

In an interview on SiriusXM Radio on Monday, Belichick praised Newton's work ethic and his ability to show improvement throughout the past month.

"He's very, very competitive on the field. He always wants to do his best and do better than the guys he's competing against," Belichick said. "Everybody's competitive, but I think there's different degrees of it. ... Based on what I've seen I would put him in the top echelon of that."

Stidham and Hoyer both split reps during Friday's simulation, reminiscent of the competition the two had during camp last season to be Tom Brady's backup. The job eventually went to Stidham.

If they are competing for the same role at this point, it could wind up being another close call between the two.

Stidham has clearly improved since his rookie season when he beat out Hoyer. But he is coming off an injury that limited his time on the field last week. Hoyer's value continues to be the ton of experience he has in offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels' system.

Even without the starter being announced at this point, Hoyer said it hasn't changed the level of competition among the quarterbacks.

"I'm always competing for the starting quarterback spot whether it was Tom in front of me or whoever else was here," he said. "I think you have to look at it that way, you never know when your number's going to get called, you never know what you are going to get and you really can only control what you can control."

Glasnow paces AL East-leading Rays past Yanks

NEW YORK (AP)—After a decade spent chasing their big-budget AL East rivals, the Tampa Bay Rays are pummeling the New York Yankees.

"We've had some really good battles over the years and they've always kicked our butts here at their place," Rays veteran Kevin Kiermiaer said. "We've flipped the script here for 2020."

Tyler Glasnow flummoxed the Yankees for six innings, Ji-Man Choi and Kiermaier homered off Gerrit Cole, and the Rays extended their mastery of New York with a 5-3 victory Monday night.

The AL East leaders improved to 7-1 against the Yankees this season and stretched their division cushion to 4 1/2 games. The clubs are set to complete their season series this week, and Tampa Bay could skip town as runaway favorites for its first division title since 2010.

"We want to make it nine of 10 leaving here in a couple days," Kiermaier said.

New York had won three straight since snapping a seven-game skid but crumbled early with Cole, its $324 million ace, on the mound.

The 6-foot-8 Glasnow (2-1) had a no-hitter through five and completed six innings of scoreless, two-hit ball. He struck out nine and walked one while working almost entirely with two pitches —a fastball averaging 97 mph and a plunging curveball.

"He had it all going," Rays manager Kevin Cash said.

Glasnow lost his no-hit bid via replay review. With one out in the sixth, DJ LeMahieu hit a grounder that shortstop Willy Adames fielded deep in the hole. First base umpire Roberto Ortiz ruled Adames' throw beat LeMahieu, but that was quickly overturned.

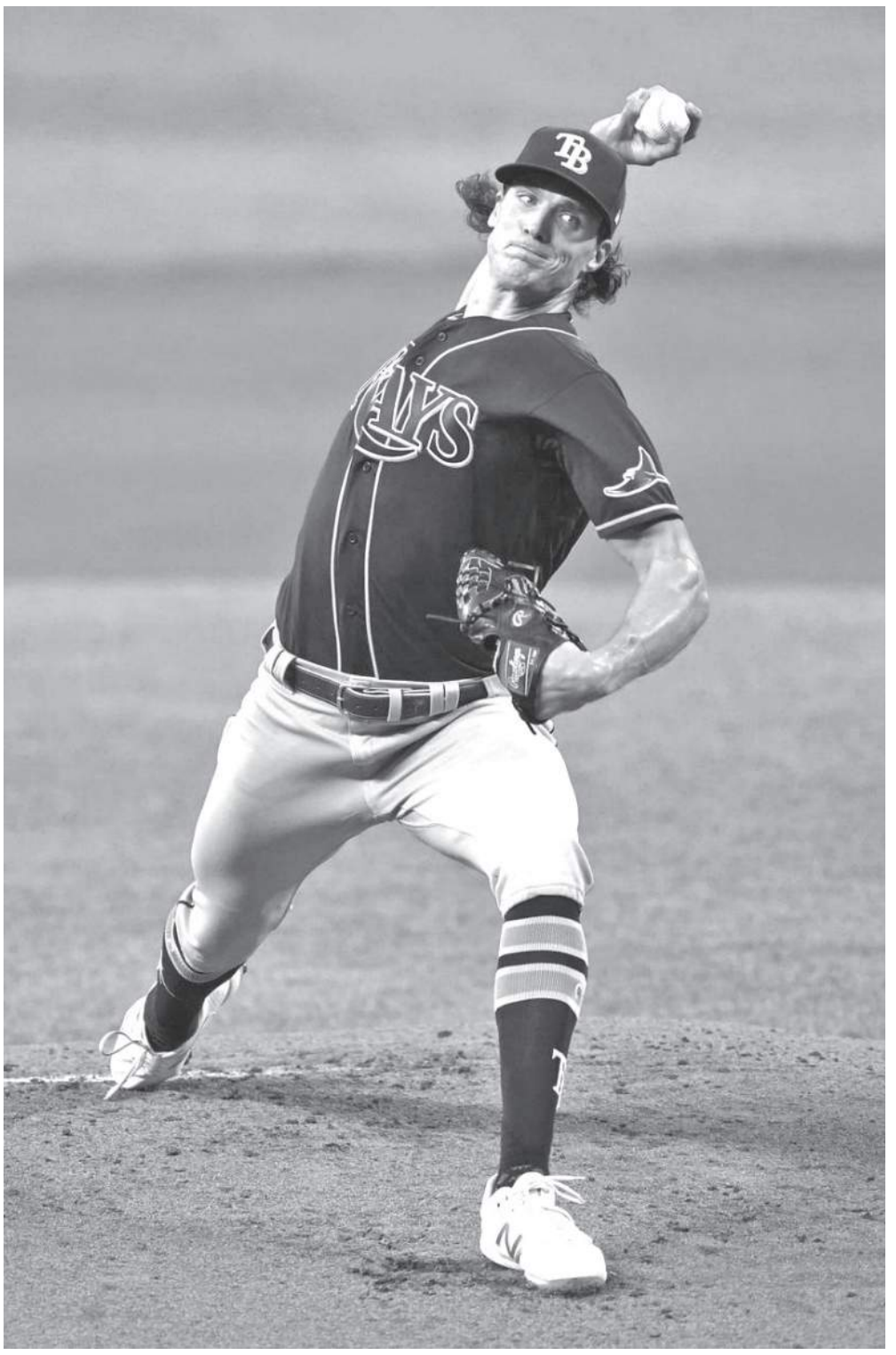
"I mean, he was safe, honestly," Glasnow said with a smile.

A day after erasing a five-run deficit against the Mets when they were down to their final out, the Yankees crept back against the Rays but couldn't complete the rally.

Gio Urshela hit a solo homer off Edgar Garcia in the seventh, and Luke Voit added his eighth homer in 12 games, a two-run shot off Garcia in the eighth that made it 5-3. Voit has 13 homers this season, tying for the major league lead.

New York had the potential tying run at bat with one out in the eighth, but Urshela struck out and Mike Tauchman popped up against Peter Fairbanks. Diego Castillo stranded a runner in the ninth for his third save.

Cole (4-2) labored through five innings, allowing four runs, eight hits and four walks.



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Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Tyler Glasnow (20) delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees, Monday, Aug. 31, 2020, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

He struck out seven, ending a six-game streak against Tampa Bay with double-digit strikeouts.

Faces in new places

Mike Clevinger, Starling Marte and Archie Bradley are among the notable players headed to new teams after a flurry of deals before Monday's trade deadline.

The busy and aggressive Padres landed Clevinger in a multiplayer swap with Cleveland, bolstering their rotation in a rare deadline deal between contenders. It was San Diego's fifth big trade since Saturday, and the cost was a package of young players that included outfielder Josh Naylor, right-hander Cal Quantrill and catcher Austin Hedges.

The surprising Marlins reeled in Marte for their outfield, and the Reds boosted their bullpen by acquiring Bradley from Arizona. The trade deadline is normally July 31, but it was pushed back when the start of the season was delayed because of the coronavirus.

"I'd say the volume of consummated transactions probably surprised me a little bit," Brewers general manager David Stearns said.

Phillies 8, Nationals 6

Spencer Howard threw five effective innings, Rhys Hoskins homered and drove in three runs and Philadelphia beat Washington.

Juan Soto hit a pair of two-run homers and Michael Taylor and Trea Turner also went deep for the defending World Series champions, who fell to 12-20.

Howard (1-1) allowed two runs and five hits, striking out four to earn his first major league win in his fourth start.

Cardinals 7, Reds 5

Paul DeJong slugged his first career grand slam, helping Dakota Hudson to his first win of the season as St. Louis held on to beat Cincinnati.

The Cardinals loaded the bases with two outs in the fourth inning on Kolten Wong's single and walks by Paul Goldschmidt and Brad Miller. DeJong capitalized, sending Anthony DeSclafani's full count pitch over the center field fence for his second homer of the season.

Orioles 4, Blue Jays 3, 11 innings

Jose Iglesias and Bryan Holaday had RBI doubles in the 11th inning for Baltimore, and Iglesias threw out the potential tying run at home plate as the Orioles beat Toronto and ended a five-game losing streak.

Iglesias' leadoff hit, to deep left-center field, scored Anthony Santander, who started the inning at second base. Holaday then doubled to right field to drive in Iglesias. Both hits came off Toronto reliever Anthony Bass (2-2).

Marlins 5, Mets 3

Miguel Rojas hit a tiebreaking RBI single during Miami's four-run sixth inning against Jacob deGrom, and the Marlins beat New York.

Garrett Cooper and Brian Anderson homered for Miami, which had dropped four in a row. Trevor Rogers pitched five effective innings for his first major league win, and Brandon Kintzler worked the ninth for his seventh save.

New York lost its fourth consecutive game. Robinson Cano homered, and Jeff McNeil also had two hits and an RBI.

Mariners 2, Angels 1

Marco Gonzales retired 21 consecutive Angels while throwing a four-hitter, and Jose Marmolejos hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning of Seattle's win over Los Angeles.

Gonzales (4-2) had eight strikeouts and didn't walk a batter until the ninth inning of his second career complete game. After Justin Upton's leadoff homer in the second inning, Gonzales retired every batter he faced until pinch-hitter Shohei Ohtani's leadoff single in the ninth.

Marmolejos and Jake Fraley had two hits apiece as the Mariners rallied to split a four-game series at the Big A after losing the first two.

Braves 6, Red Sox 3

Austin Riley had a tie-breaking, bases-loaded triple to help Max Fried improve to 6-0 as NL East-leading Atlanta beat rebuilding Boston.

Adam Duvall belted a homer over the Green Monster and Nick Markakis had three hits and drove in two runs for Atlanta, which entered the three-game set winless (0-12-3) in its last 15 series against the Red Sox.

After trading five players off its MLB roster in the last two weeks, Boston, buried in last in the AL East, lost for the 23rd time in 35 games in this pandemic-shortened season.

Brewers 6, Pirates 5

Orlando Arcia's pinch-hit single with two outs in the eighth inning drove in the tiebreaking run as Milwaukee slipped past Pittsburgh.

Ben Gamel led off the eighth with a double against Nick Turley (0-1) and scored on Arcia's hit off Chris Stratton as the Brewers took three of four in the series.

Devin Williams (3-1), the fourth of five Brewers pitchers, struck out four and didn't allow a hit in 1 1/3 innings to pick up the win. Josh Hader pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save.

Royals 2, Indians 1

Maikel Franco and Bubba Starling had RBI singles in the eighth inning as Kansas City rallied to beat Cleveland.

It was the Royals' first win this season when trailing after seven innings.

Scott Barlow (2-1) picked up the win in relief for Kansas City. He pitched one inning, allowing two hits and no runs. Greg Holland recorded his second save.

James Karinchak (0-2) took the loss. He walked the first two batters he faced, and they scored on the hits by Franco and Starling.

Shane Bieber continued his stellar start to the 2020 season. He threw six scoreless innings, striking out nine and allowing just one hit.

White Sox 8, Twins 5

Luis Robert hit a tying homer in the seventh inning and the go-ahead double in the ninth, and the White Sox took the AL Central lead into September by rallying past skidding Minnesota.

The afterglow from Lucas Giolito's no-hitter faded fast, as the right-hander fell behind 4-0 in his follow-up start, but the White Sox (22-13) surged back to win for the 12th time in 14 games. They're in sole possession of first place for the first time this season, ahead of Cleveland (21-14) and Minnesota (20-16).

Miguel Sano homered and scored three runs for the Twins, who have lost six straight games.

Jose Abreu tied it with a two-run double off Tyler Clippard in the sixth before Jake Cave's RBI single in the bottom of the inning pushed the Twins back in front.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	25	11	.694	0.0
NY Yankees	19	14	.576	4.5
Toronto	18	15	.545	5.5
Baltimore	15	19	.441	9.0
Boston	12	23	.343	12.5
CENTRAL				
Chi White Sox	22	13	.629	0.0
Cleveland	21	14	.600	1.0
Minnesota	20	16	.556	2.5
Detroit	16	16	.500	4.5
Kansas City	14	21	.400	8.0
WEST				
Oakland	22	12	.647	0.0
Houston	19	14	.576	2.5
Seattle	15	22	.405	8.5
Texas	12	21	.364	9.5
LA Angels	12	24	.333	11.0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	20	14	.588	0.0
Philadelphia	15	15	.500	3.0
Miami	15	15	.500	3.0
NY Mets	15	20	.429	5.5
Washington	12	20	.375	7.0
CENTRAL				
Chi Cubs	20	14	.588	0.0
St. Louis	13	13	.500	3.0
Milwaukee	16	18	.471	4.0
Cincinnati	15	20	.429	5.5
Pittsburgh	10	22	.313	9.0
WEST				
LA Dodgers	26	10	.722	0.0
San Diego	22	15	.595	4.5
Colorado	17	18	.486	8.5
San Francisco	17	19	.472	9.0
Arizona	14	21	.400	11.5

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gauff suffers early US Open exit in stunned silence

NEW YORK (AP) — Coco Gauff won over New York and became an instant fan favorite during her run of inspired tennis a year ago at the U.S. Open. A year later, no fans, no energy, and no singles victory for Gauff—the teen sensation is out of the U.S. Open on Day 1.

Anastasija Sevastova knocked off the 16-year-old Gauff in three sets, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. The 31st-seeded Sevastova sent Gauff to her earliest exit from a Grand Slam tournament in four appearances. She had never lost in the first two rounds.

"Just the beginning," Gauff said Monday. "I just got on tour a little over a year ago, so I still have a lot to learn and a long ways to go."

She's good enough at 16 to impress a veteran like Sevastova.

"I wish I would play like this when I was 16 years old," Sevastova said with a laugh. "Great player. Nothing more to say. I think she maybe started a bit slower than me, but she was getting better as the match went on."

Gauff lost in Louis Armstrong Stadium, where she won two matches last year and made it to the third round before losing to 2018 champion Naomi Osaka in a match that ended in tears for the teen and a hug from the winner.

After collecting a singles trophy at Linz, Austria, in October—becoming the youngest WTA title winner since 2004—Gauff began the 2020 Grand Slam season by defeating Venus Williams and winning a rematch against Osaka at the Australian Open en route to the fourth round there.

Gauff was largely off her game against Sevastova and had 13 double-faults, an unsettling result after she also lost in the first round in the Western & Southern Open, the tournament that preceded the U.S. Open at the same site.

She was also beaten at Lexington, Kentucky, this month in the semifinals of her first tournament after tennis was suspended because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"The main part that hurt was just getting matches under my belt, getting experience," Gauff said. "That's what I need on tour. I'm playing against people older than me who have been in more situations, difficult situations, than I have. I think the biggest thing is I just need experience."

Gauff, though, has found her voice on social issues and delivered an impromptu speech at a Black Lives Matter rally in Florida in June, when she implored the audience to vote. Gauff said she wanted to continue to speak out on racial injustice and police brutality.

"I feel like, especially my generation, has been popular to speak out, not be afraid to use our voice," she said. "I think that just has something to do with it because other young people my age are also using their voice. I'm not as afraid to use it."

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Team captain Jireh Yobech said participating in activities in the community is their way of saying thank you for the support they've been getting from the Commonwealth's residents.

"The CNMI community has always been behind us and the national team program and we really appreciate that. The pandemic has brought on a unique challenge for the CNMI, and we just wanted to give back in some way," Yobech said.

"Without the support from the community, we can't play soccer," Mita added.

The 72 players, coaches, and officials that joined the cleanup drive were divided in small groups and picked up trash from 8am to 10:30am.

CNMI Women's National Team player Krizel Tuazon said that just like their training sessions, safety measures were observed during the cleanup.

"We are in a very challenging situation right now, but we are glad that we're able to find ways to help our community at this time of the pandemic. It feels great that as a team, we can help beautify the CNMI," Tuazon said.

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Michiteru Mita pulls out a broken hubcap from the bushes along the Koblerville road.

NMIFA is planning to do cleanup drives every month and will also spearhead other enhancement projects in Koblerville, such as improvement in the village's youth center and basketball court. NMIFA chose to adopt Koblerville as the village has been home to NMISTC since 2018. The pitch at the Koblerville Elementary School also played host to numerous matches of various NMIFA leagues for more than a decade.

The five-year commitment to the village is part of NMIFA's involvement in the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' Public Private Partnership, an initiative that brings together government agencies, the business, sports, and education sectors, ethnic and religious groups, and non-government organizations to develop and maintain tourist sites, landmarks, and other key areas in the CNMI for the benefit of both visitors and residents.

NMIFA would also like to acknowledge other individuals, government officials, and organizations that advocate for the overall well-being of the Koblerville community. One of them is Saipan Awaodori whose members also do regular trash collection drives within the Koblerville Youth Center. For those who would like to join NMIFA's future community activities, please contact the NMIFA office at 235-0173 or send email to playsoccer@nmifa.com.

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CNMI Women's U16 and U19 National Team players pick up trash along the main roads in Koblerville.

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awarded to the country with the best standings among the 17 participating nations and Race's wards hoisted the trophy in 2016 and 2017.

In 2012, Mikayla Lopez won a pair, getting the U15 singles and doubles (with Neghar Rastguiy) tiaras, while Carol Lee and Isabel Heras notched the U12 doubles title and Chris Cajigan did the same in the boys U12 doubles with the Federated States of Micronesia's T. J. Rush.

Lee also triumph in 2013 when she bagged the girls U12 singles crown, while Cajigan and Michael Ren made it to the finals of the U15 and U12 singles, respectively, and Thea Minor (U18) and Ackerman (U15) finished in the Top 3.

The CNMI's eight Final Four berths in the 2013 was a record in the POJC, as the CNMI again edged powerhouse Tahiti (seven semis berths), while Fiji had only three, and Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, American Samoa, Kiribati, Palau, and Papua New Guinea got one apiece.

Lee, since winning her first singles championship, has assured the CNMI gold medals in the next four years. She took the title in the girls U14 in 2014, while Tania Tan and Malika Miyawaki (U14) and Robbie Schorr (with Guam's Camden Camacho in the U14 division) handed the CNMI two doubles crowns.

The following year, the then 14-year-old Lee jumped to the U16 age group competition and ruled the singles event, while the rest of the CNMI Junior Team produced six semis appearances and two finals stints (Tan reached the title game in the girls U14).

In 2016, Lee successfully defended her U16 singles title, plus the CNMI drew two gold medals—thanks to Lee and Isabel Heras (U16) and Robbie Schorr and Ken Song (boys U14). Schorr also earned the U14 singles championship, giving the CNMI its most titles (four) in the POJC and the Nations Cup for the first time.

SAIPAN TRIBUNE

In this 2015 file photo, Carol Lee stretches for a return during the Northern Marianas Junior Championships at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

Lee made it three in a row in the U16 singles, while she and Miyawaki also topped the doubles event in 2017. Schorr and Song also got the doubles title (U16) and counting the runner-up finish by siblings Coume and Conatsu Kaga (U14 doubles) and semis appearances of Jimin Woo and Sean Lee in the U14 singles, the CNMI got its second straight Nations Cup.

Schorr, after falling short in his U16 debut, won the age group in 2018, while Woo had runner-up finishes in the U14 singles and doubles (with Seung Jin Paik). Woo moved up to the U16 last year and had finals stints in both singles and doubles (with Sean Lee).

"Jimin has been training hard after missing the title last year, so he's disappointed that this year's POJC has been canceled. The entire team was really looking forward to the 2020 competition. They have more than doubled the sets they played in 2019, going over 1,000 then COVID-19 hit. Moving on, our team will definitely come out stronger next season," Race said.

Reflecting on the consistent strong showing of the CNMI Junior Tennis Team in the last decade, Race said it took them awhile to reach that point and have a very strong program and credits the players' determination to get better every year and the challenges that their opponents always present to them.

"Every year when our team is winning, you know that other countries are chasing us. So every year, you go out there, prepare hard, and do your best," Race said.

"I am so proud of our players, how they turned out to be good players. When I look at these memories on Facebook and see how we were able to develop their talents and help our players move up to college, it gives me and the program such great pride," the many-time national team coach added.

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NMIFA commits to improvement projects in Koblerville

The Northern Mariana Islands Football Association marked the start of its five-year commitment to implement improvement projects and activities in Koblerville with a cleanup drive last Saturday.

NMIFA staff and coaches led the cleanup, which began at the Mobil Gas Station and covered the main roads surrounding the NMI Soccer Training Center. Five NMIFA staff members and eight coaches were joined by 10 members of the CNMI Men's National Team, 21 from the U16 and U19 Women's National Team, and 28 from the U15 and U17 boys squads.

NMIFA technical director and men's national team head coach Michiteru Mita said getting involved in the cleanup drives and other activities that benefit the community is very significant to the overall character development of national players.

"This is a good opportunity for players to learn and think how we can support our community. This kind of activity off the pitch will help players realize the importance of stepping up when help is needed, develop a sense of gratitude, and recognize the value of national team's involvement in various projects in the community. In Japan, if a soccer player only knows how to play the sport, he/she is not a good player," Mita said.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of the CNMI Boys U15 and U17 National Team load trash to the bags during last Saturday's cleanup drive in Koblerville.

NMI tennis: A decade of excellence

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In this 2017 file photo, CNMI Junior National Tennis Team coach Jeff Race hoists the Nations Cup, while his players flash the No. 1 sign after ruling the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.

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The CNMI Junior Tennis Team may have missed making milestones in the canceled 2020 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships, but it could always look back at its impressive records in the last decade of the competition.

The Commonwealth's junior players have consistently put on a strong performance in the annual tournament in Fiji, starting off with the CNMI-led North Team's upset against perennial winner West Team in overall championship, 131-128. Team rankings were based on how players from each country finished in the U12, U14, and U18 singles events in 2010.

The following year, the Jeff Race-coached CNMI Team prevailed against more than 10 countries in the battle for the most Top 4 finishes in three age groups. The Commonwealth had six players barging into the semifinals with Tammy Ackerman making it all the way to the Promised Land after ruling the girls U12 singles. Tournament favorite, Tahiti, had only three players earning Top 4 finishes.

Since 2011 up to 2018, the CNMI never failed to bring home a championship from the POJC, which was canceled for the first time since its inception in 1990, and highlighted its excellent showing in the competition with back-to-back Nations Cup titles. The coveted Nations Cup is

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In this 2015 file photo, the then 13-year-old Robbie Schorr makes a backhand return to his opponent during a local tournament at the Pacific Islands Club tennis courts.